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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

WE ARE AUTHORIZED TO ANNOUNCE J. [illegible] as a candidate for County Superintendent of Schools.

WE ARE AUTHORIZED TO ANNOUNCE John Trainer, of Pleasant View, as a candidate for County Superintendent of Schools.

WE ARE AUTHORIZED TO ANNOUNCE Henry W. Waggoner as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Clerk.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Illinois coal [illegible] in this market at [illegible] per ton, by the carload.

The furniture factory is engaged [illegible] of large cases for the [illegible] of the state geologist, in the new capitol at Springfield.

If you want your baby to look bright do not put it to sleep with laudanum when restless, but use Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup.

There will be a temperance meeting at the Mound Chapel, eight miles southwest of Decatur, Thursday night [illegible] o'clock. Good speakers will be present. All are invited to attend.

The proprietors of the Duquoin Tribune [illegible] from which we suppose it may be inferred that they do not propose to print anything in their paper that will arouse the wrath of their readers to a fighting pitch.

An exchange indulges in the following cruel suggestion:

Less than four weeks left in which candidates will [illegible] to shake hands with everybody they meet and ask after the health of all the children and women in the county. After that time they won't care a fig if you have the ague or bilious fever till the day of judgment.

Get rid of middle-men who pay the [illegible] customers. This you can only do by purchasing of Linn & Scruggs, who get *all* carpets, oil cloths and mattings directly from the manufacturers and importers. Their stock is larger; their assortment superior; their prices lower; and their sales greater than any other house in Central Illinois. They have no shop-worn, moth-eaten goods on hand, and as it requires but a small per cent to continue this branch in connection with their already well-established business, they are able and determined to compete with the best houses of the largest cities.
Oct. 11—dtf

Real Estate Transfers.—Mr. D. S. Shellabarger has purchased of [illegible] Brenneman the lot on the southeast corner of Franklin [illegible] streets, and also another lot [illegible] which will give him a frontage of 160 feet, opposite Mr. [illegible] house. We learn that Mr. Shellabarger contemplates building on this lot next season.

Mr. J. W. Race yesterday purchased of George W. Baker, [illegible] the [illegible] lot on the northwest corner of West Main and [illegible]lward streets, fronting 120 feet on the former.

No Calico, No Dry Goods—But a [illegible] line of Corsets, Berlin Zephyrs, German Yarns, Shetland Wool and Floss [illegible] of every description and style for ladies, rugs and other useful things; Perforated card-board, mottoes, zephyr patterns, ladies' white underwear, [illegible] and children's Merino vests and pants, infant's woolen shirts, crochet sacques, infant's cloaks and robes, child. dresses—a good stock—cloaks, felt skirts, hosiery and gloves, and a general stock of fancy goods and notions. Above goods are bought for cash, and sold at the lowest living prices. Come and see for yourself.

M. GOLDBERG,
Oct. 15-d&w 8 Merchant [illegible]

From Wednesday's Daily.

On His Ear.—Last evening about seven o'clock, just after the prisoners in the county jail had been to supper, two of them, named respectively George Hawkins and Frank Clipper, had a disagreement about some matter, and in an altercation the latter threw the former down and bit off the upper part of his ear. Clipper is in jail on charge of having burglarized and robbed the dwelling of D. W. Brenneman, some time in June last. However that case might have gone, he has made himself sure of the penitentiary for a term of from one to twenty years.

Hawkins is serving out a thirty-day jail sentence which will terminate on the 27th inst. Sheriff Forstmyer has the piece of ear bitten off preserved in alcohol, and he will keep it until the December term of court, when it will be a swift though silent witness against the accused. This is the same chap who attempted to escape from jail while the sheriff was absent at Joliet.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1877.

Board of Supervisors of Macon county in session for the transaction of county business at the court-house, in the city of Decatur, in said county, on Tuesday the 11th day of September, A. D. 1877.

Court opened by proclamation, Hon R. H Woodcock in the chair. Present, H. W. Waggoner, clerk, M. Forstmyer, sheriff

The following supervisors were present and answered to their names, viz: Brown, Brenneman, Davis, Dill, Edgar, Grason, Hoyt, House, Hawkyard, Kyker, Longstreet, Lehman, Murray, Rosengrants, Ruddock, Roberts, Ward and Wallace.

The proceedings of the July meeting were read and approved

J M. Clokey, Esq., appeared before the Board and made a statement in regard to the taxes due the county from the Illinois Midland, Indianapolis & Bloomington and Western [illegible] the same for a per cent

On motion, the matter was referred to the finance committee [illegible] to report at this meeting of the Board

A communication was received from Mr. F. A. Korsmyer, stating his loss of a juror certificate issued to him as a grand juror [illegible] last term [illegible]

It was ordered by the Board that the clerk of the circuit court issue to Mr. Korsmyer a duplicate certificate upon his indemnifying the county against any loss in the event of the original certificate being presented for payment.

On motion of Sup'r Wood the Board adjourned until Tuesday, Sept. 18th, at 1 o'clock p. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, Hon. R. H. Woodcock in the chair.—Present, H. W. Waggoner, clerk, M. Forstmyer, sheriff, and Sup'rs Brown, Brenneman, Davis, Dill, Edgar, Grason, Hoyt, House, Hawkyard, Kyker, Longstreet, Lehman, Murray, Rosengrants, Ruddock, Roberts, Ward and Wallace.

The proceedings of Sept. 11th were read and approved by the Board.

Sup'r Brown presented a communication from the commissioners of highways of the town of Friends Creek, asking the county to appropriate $500 to aid the town in building a bridge over Friends Creek on a public road leading from Argenta to [illegible]. Whereupon Sup'r Brown moved that the prayer of the commissioners be granted and the appropriation made [illegible] motion was voted upon by the Board and declared by the chairman as lost.

A communication from a number of persons asking pay for service performed as sentinels and guarding jails during the railroad strike, was, on motion of Sup'r Roberts, laid on the table.

A communication from Capt. D. L. Allen was received, in which he proposed to sell to Macon county his farm south of the city for the purpose of a county farm. On motion of Sup'r Ward the communication was laid on the table.

On motion of Sup'r Longstreet the Board adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, Hon. R. H. Woodcock in the chair.

Present, same as yesterday.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Sup'r Brenneman moved to reconsider the vote had on yesterday, which was laid on the table, a communication from a number of persons who performed service as guards at the court-house and jail during the railroad trouble, which motion to reconsider was adopted.

Whereupon Ald. Harpstrite, one of the members of the City Council of Decatur appeared before the Board on behalf of city and petitioners, and represented that the city paid some $500 for extra policemen during the railroad trouble, and as this was but a small amount, and the men had performed the services, and the property protected being owned by the county, he hoped that the county would pay the persons who performed the services.

Whereupon Sup'r Brenneman again made a motion that the county pay the persons named in the communication for their services as guards, which motion was voted upon and lost

Sup'r Ward offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, By the Board of Supervisors of Macon county that the amount of forty-five thousand dollars be levied and extended on the tax books on the taxable property of Macon county for county purposes for the year 1877, and that the treasurer of Macon county reserve out of the county revenue of 1877 ten thousand dollars [illegible] that amount of the bonds [illegible] county issued to the Decatur & East St. Louis R. R. Co.

Joseph Jones, M. Friedman and James S. Parker, of Maroa, appeared before the Board and made complaint in regard to the equalization of the personal property of their town by the Board at its July term, having added 80 per cent. to the assessed value of the same, and asked the Board, if in their power, to reconsider the matter.

On motion, the same was referred to the committee on equalization of taxes.

Sup'r Roberts offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, A resolution was passed at the September meeting of this Board, 1876, authorizing the county treasurer to retain ten thousand dollars to pay county bonds; and

WHEREAS, It has been impossible to obtain said bonds, and as there is a lack of funds in the treasury to redeem the same, therefore

Resolved, That said resolution be and is hereby rescinded.

Sup'r Ward offered the following, which was adopted;

Resolved, That the amount of arrearages of road tax assessed by the commissioners of highways of the several towns of the county for the current year and returned by the overseers of highways as unpaid, be, and the same is levied on the land and personal property so returned, and to be collected in the same manner that the contingent charges of the county are levied and collected.

Sup'r Brenneman offered the following which was adopted:

Resolved, That Mrs. Sarah Talbert be allowed the sum of $15 per month for keeping a poor woman by the name of Elizabeth Foren; said sum so appropriated to be under the supervision of the Supervisor of the town of Decatur.

The Board appointed the following named persons to act as judges of election for the different voting places in the town of Decatur for the coming year, viz:

First District—D L. Hughes, Henry Bishop and Jacob H. Miller

Second District—Milburn Glore, Wm. J. Usrey and Benj. Dill.

Third District—Ichabod Baldwin, David Moffitt and Jos. G Starr.

Fourth District—Benj. F. Dodson, Geo. B. Peake and John N. Fuller.

The following named persons were selected by the Board of Supervisors of Macon county to serve as Grand Jurors at the December term of the Macon county circuit court, commencing on the first Monday in December next;

A. W. Hardy, D. C. Shockley, Frank J. Payne and Samuel Powers, Decatur; Shelden Parks, Niantic; Wm. Woodburn, Milam; Caleb Hodges, Friends Creek; John House, Blue Mound; Thomas J. Fleming and Charles A. Turner, South Macon; Job A. Race and John Stoughtenborough, Maroa; Thomas B. Stallings, South Wheatland; John Schriter, Oakley; Hugh Logan, Pleasant View; Nathaniel W. Rucker and John A. Knotts, Long Creek; Peter F. Chamberlain, Harristown; Stephen Mahannah, Mt. Zion; Wm. H. Parker, Austin; David Brett, Hickory Point; Richard Kirby, Whitmore; Jacob Major, Illini.

Sup'r Ward offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, By this Board that the county attorney be, and is hereby, instructed to proceed to collect all fines and forfeitures made prior to Jan. 1st, 1877.

Sup'r Roberts offered the following, which was rejected:

WHEREAS, A resolution was passed Sept. 1871, appropriating to the township of Illini $500 for bridge purposes, when an equal amount was raised by the township; and whereas, but $818.75 of said appropriation has been used; therefore,

Resolved, That the remainder be paid to said township when it is shown an equal sum is raised by the township.

Supr. Ruddock offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the county clerk be authorized to procure the necessary receipts for the collection of taxes, and that he furnish the several town collectors of the county with the same.

On motion of Sup'r Roberts the Board adjourned until half-past 1 o'clock p. m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, same as on forenoon.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors of Macon county:—Your committee on poor farm and paupers, to whom was referred Sundry accounts against the county—having had the same under advisement—beg leave to report that they have examined the following claims and recommend the payment of the same—whereupon the report of the committee was adopted and the clerk authorized to issue warrants on the treasurer in payment of the same:

H. M. Waite, for salary as steward of poor farm, 2d quarter	$250 00
John W Brothers, services as hired hand on poor farm 3 months	60 00
Edward Lewis, same	60 00
John Washburn groceries for paupers and poor farm	42 50
I W. Ehrman, clothing for paupers and prisoners	36 25
Barnes & Bro., groceries for paupers, by order Supervisor	37 00
S. Einstein, goods for paupers and poor farm	48 45
H. Montgomery, shoes, same	18 56
Newell & Hammer, groceries, same	85 20
Jos. Sauter, goods for paupers, by order Supervisor	11 50
W. H. Reeme, groceries, same	56 50
Charles Adderley, " "	7 00
H. B. Lewis, " "	169 00
D. L. Hughes, keeping pauper per contract to Sept 1st	15 00
Sarah Wheeler, same	16 25
H. Ward, Sup'r, appropriation by Board for support of McCauley	20 00
A. T. Davis, Sup'r, appropriation by Board for support of Hill	21 25
Fred. Heinz, medical attention to pauper	23 00
A. A. Lowdermilk, same	15 00
S. C. Ham, same	43 50
B. F. Sibley, post-mortem examination on the body of Isaiah Banister ($50 allowed)	20 00
Axton & Dougherty, medical attention to paupers ($12 allowed)	20 00
G. S. Allison, medical attention to to paupers	14 00
A. Richmond, do, ($31 allowed)	20 50
L. Tozer, do. ($17 allowed)	14 00
B. E. Brower, do	18 60
H. N. Clark, do	30 50
Dewatney & Chenoweth, surgical attention to paupers	10 00
A. B. Small, medial attention, per contract	150 00
Hospital for Insane, clothing for county patients	58 40
Feeble Minded Institute, do	83 37
Henry Archer, taking pauper to poor farm	4 50
Hardy Brothers, do	6 00
R. Pattison, harness meeting, &c., for poor farm	28 90
D. H. Myers, wood and rent of house for pauper	6 50
Kramer & McClelland, blacksmithing for poor farm	21 00
D. W. Brenneman, money advanced for goods, etc., for paupers	8 93
A. T. Davis, taking pauper to poor farm	2 50
C. S. Lewis, coffins for paupers by order of Supervisor	14 80
N. Laux & Bro., coffins and burying paupers	28 00
Henry Holmes, keeping paupers, etc. ($24.60 allowed)	20 60
John Longstreet, money advanced to ship paupers, and house rent for paupers	21 50
Douglas Morris, keeping pauper by order of Supervisor	13 00
Lewis Clements, nursing pauper woman by order of Supervisor	13 00
Anna Culver, taking care of pauper, washing, etc. ($13 55 allo'd),	9 00
S. L. Peake, nursing pauper by order of Supervisor	6 00
R. F. Carr, goods for pauper by order of Supervisor	2 25
E. B. Pratt, do	3 00
C H. Crosley, do	17 15
J. R. Race, do ($47.60 allowed)	40 85
Sturges & Sutton, do	2 25
S. G Washburn, do	10 85
Hubbard & Swearingen, do	7 10
A. J. Stoner, goods for pauper and poor farm	24 00
Thos. Downing, wood for pauper by order of Supervisor	6 75
D. M. Barnett, goods for pauper by order of Supervior	4 00
S, G. Coale, do	4 00
F. M. Pratt, do	15 00
Nottleman & Jacobsen, do	6 20
W. Grady, do	12 80
Linn & Scruggs, do	2 75
J. B. Lichtenberger, do	14 65
N. Failing, do	1 00
Seiberling & Bro., do	20 00
Jas. Burnett, do	5 05
Hight & Bro., do	3 00
W. C. Armstrong, do	8 65
H. F. May & Bro., do	68 00
J. L. Fenton & Co., do	18 00
Western Coal Co., coal for paupers and poor farm	13 75
D. S. Shellabarger & Co., flour, do,	52 70
S. M. Strailey, groceries, do	156 78
Stephen Cade, meat for paupers and poor farm	6 60
F. W. Niedermeyer, goods for pauper, by order of Sup'r	11 00
J. P. Smallwood, clothing, do	18 35
W. F. Busher & Co., shoes, do	21 05
L. B. C. Leffingwell, goods, do	10 00
D. H. Hellman, do	75 13

To the Hon Board of supr's. of Macon county: Your committee on Miscellaneous Claims to whom was referred sundry accounts against the county, having had the same under advisement, beg leave to report that they have examined the following claims, and recommend payment of the same.

Whereupon the report of the committee was adopted, and the Clerk authorized to issue warrants on the treasurer in payment of the same.

To J. A. Carter, for services as Bailiff Circuit Court 54 days	$135.00
Samuel Weitsel, same, 58 days	145.00
H. Churchman, same, 63 days	162 50
J. H. Mauzy, same, 45 days	112.50
Jas. B. Troxell, same, 5 days	12.50
A. Daggett, same, 7 days	17.50
B. S. Osborn, same, 2 days	5.00
Jerome Edward, same, 1 day	2.50
J. Sayko, same, 4 days	10.00
Jefferson Haney, same, 7 days	17.50
D. J. Block, same, 10 days	25 00
John McCormick, same, 1 day	2.50
John McGee, same, 16 days	40 00
W. M Cox, same 30 days	75 00
J. A. Cochran, same, 16 days	40.00
Norman Pringle, same, 3 days	7.50
A. M. Stoker, same, 21 days	52.50
J. J. H. Young, same, 9 days	22 50
A. W Biddle, same, 14 days	35 00
J. S. Hewes, same, 2 days	5.00
W. H. Wikoff, same, 1 day	2 50
John B. Bowen, same, 6 days	15.00
J. D. Jennings, same, 1 day	2 50
J. P. Earles, same, 20 days	50.00
H. M. Taggart, same, 12 days	30 00
W. H. Netherford, same, 4 days	10.00
John Becker, witness from Logan county case of People vs Frank Boody	11.20
John Longstreet, same	11 20
A. Fleener, same	13.50
H. P. Christie, special deputy during strike	7.50
David Berlin, "	5.00
Sam'l Weitsel, guarding prisoners, $10, not allowed	
J. H. Mauzy, " " 10 "	
Jasper Wilson, " " & jail 6 "	
J. C. Walsh " " 8 "	
Virgil Devore " " 6 "	
A. G. Harris, J. P., cost in case of people vs John Finney et al	3.15
Jas. A. Cook, costs and expenses in in bringing persons to jail	87 55
M Forstmeyer for boarding, receiving and discharging prisoners to Sept 1, '77	630.00
Same, washing, &c " & money advan	117.15
W. H. Bayne, publishing proceeding of Board of Supervisors as per contract,	13.50
Geo. V. Loring, making plans and estimates for Spangler mill bridge	28.00
J. H. Christopher, reward for E. Miller a horse thief	50.00
Hamsher & Mosser, printing blanks and publishing proceeding of Board	91.00
Culver, Page & Hoyne, blanks for county	104 83
Ill. Printing Co.	69 23
John C. Mark, stationery	3.92
Hubbard & S	34 00
John Ullrich, goods for jail per sheriff,	15.80
Close & Griswold, hardware for jail, etc.	59.36
T. Hildebrandt, goods for jail by Sheriff	25,00
W. W. Poster, money advan'd for tax repts	20.00

To the Hon. Board of Suprs. of Macon county: Your committee on Public Buildings to whom was referred sundry accounts against the county, having had the same under advisement, beg leave to report that they have examined the following claims, and recommend payment of the same.

Whereupon the report of the committee was adopted and the Clerk authorized to issue warrants on the Treasurer in payment of the same:

To Abel & Locke, for matting for Court House and Jail	$170 02
Wm. Banister, cleaning vault and basement of Court House	40.00
Alfred Coleman, slating blackboard for Sup't of School's office	12.10
C. W. Whitsel, ice for C. H. & Co. offices	45.00
F. Halmbocher, screens for jail	21 25
Bramble & Tuttle, grading at Court House, $17 allowed	15.00
M. Troutman, brick work on court house	6.90
J. G. Shaffer, building fence " "	5.15
G. Buzick, court house janitor, 40 days	98.00
City of Decatur, water for jail to Jan. 1, 78	12 50
Decatur Gas Co. gas for court house & jail	63.80
Durfee & Bro. chain for door at jail	2 00
Stare & Bro., taking safe into Sheriff's office, $15 allowed	10.00

The affidavits of several tax payers of the county, to the loss of their tax receipts for the year 1873, and according to which they would be entitled to the refunding fund due them under the law of 1873, were laid before the Board. And on motion the Board refused to allow them to be paid out of the common county fund, for the reason that the time for the appreciation for the same had expired under the provision of the refunding act of March 1873.

To the Hon. Board of Suprs. of Macon county: Your committee on Fees and Salaries, beg to offer the following report: They would suggest that the salaries be fixed as follows viz:

County Clerk at a salary of $2,000, and clerk hire at $1,000.

County Judge at a salary of $1,500.

County Treasurer at a salary of $2,000.

County Supt. of Schools 100 days.

D. W. Brenneman, Chr.
Wm. Grason,
E. House,
John Longstreet,
Benj. Dill,
Committee.

Supr. Ward offered the following as an amendment to the report of the committee, which amendment was concurred in by the Board, and is as follows viz

County Clerk at a salary of $1,800, and clerk hire at $1,000.

County Treasurer at a salary of $1,800.

The finance committee made the following report which was approved:

To the Hon. Board of Suprs, of Macon county: Your committee have examined the report of the county Treasurer, and have compared vouchers, and find his report correct and have destroyed vouchers by burning.

To am't of funds in Treasury Dec. 1, 76,		$6 856.51
" refunding fund paid into County Treasury		2,332.41
" Money rec'd from Millikin due Berksher a dec. pauper		25 00
" County revenue assessed &c for the year 1876,		41,920.43
		$51,136.35
By am't of Tax remitted by County Board,	$ 10.10	
" Tax enjoined, forfeited, removals,	916.79	
" Com'ns paid Town Collectors,	573.87	
" Com'n and Treasu'r	1,061.87	
" Co. orders, jury cer. paid and destroyed	32,016.05	
" Cash in Treasury Sept 1, 1877,	16,554 67	
		$51,136.35

All of which is respectfully submited,

E. J. Roberts,
Hiram Ward,
John Longstreet,
Committee.

On motion of Supr. Edgar, the Board adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, Hon R. H. Woodcock in the Chair. Present H. W. Waggoner Clerk, M Forstmeyer, Sheriff. Court opened by proclamation.

Present Suprs. Brown, Brenneman, Davis, Edgar, Hoyt, House, Hawkyard, Kyker, Longstreet, Lehman, Murray, Rosengrants, Ruddock, Roberts, Ward and Wallace.

The reading of the proceedings yesterday dispensed with.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of making sale of the county lot, made the following report which was adopted.

To the Board of Suprs of Macon county: Your committee beg leave to report that they have closed the contract with Frank Priest, for the sale of the county lot by executing to him a bond for a deed, and receiving from him his eight promissory notes for Five Hundred dollars, each payable annually, with six per cent interest payable semi annually in advance, said notes bearing date, July 9th, the date of the sale. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Wm. Grason,
W. H. Wallace,
D. W. Brenneman,
Committee.

The Finance committee made the following report which was adopted:

To the Hon. Board of Suprs. of Macon county: Your committee to whom was referred the collection of the back taxes on several R. Roads have taken the matter into consideration, and have consulted with the county attorney, and have come to the conclusion that they will take no action in the premises, and would respectfully refer the matter back to the Board,

E. J. Roberts,
Hiram Ward,
John Longstreet,
Committee.

Supr. Grason offered the following which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on Public Buildings purchase the coal necessary for the county for the coming winter, and that when the committee certify to the amount due the party furnishing the same, the Clerk is authorized to issue an order on the Treasurer for the same.

Supr. Ward offered the following which was adopted upon the call of yeas and nays.

Resolved, That the aggregate amount of charges audited and allowed by the Board of Town Auditors, of the several towns of the county, and the rates certified by said Board necessary for the construction of Roads and Bridges, and for defraying town expenses in their respective towns, and now laid before this Board be, and the same are levied upon the taxable property of said towns so auditing at the amount and rate following.

And the question being upon the adoption of said resolution,

It was decided in the affirmative, yeas ten 10, nays eight 8.

Those voting in the affirmative are Meyers, Brenneman, Dill, Edgar, Hoyt, Hawkyard, Kyker, Murray, Rosengrants, Ward, and Wallace.

Those voting in the negative are Messrs. Brown, Davis, Grason, House, Longstreet, Lehman, Ruddock, and Roberts.

Town of			
Decatur,	am't required for road & bridge,		$4,000
"	"	road,	6,000
"	"	town purposes,	2,000
South Macon	"		150
"	"	road & bridge 20c. on $100	
Blue Mound	"	"	1,500
"	"	roads 15c. on the 100	
"	"	town purposes	100
Harristown,	"		100
"	"	road and bridge	700
Austin,	"		2000
"	"	town purposes	420
Long Creek,	"		370
"	"	road and bridge	1,800
Whitmore,	"	"	900
"	"	roads	300
Oakley,	"	road and bridge	1,200
"	"	town purposes	300
Niantic,	"		250
"	"	road & bridge 10c. on 100	
Milam,	"	5 "	
"	"	road 15c. "	
"	"	town purposes	140
Illini,	"		100
"	"	road and bridge,	800
Friends Creek,	"	"	2,000
"	"	town purposes	400
Maroa,	"		300
"	"	road and bridge	1,500
"	"	road	1,200
S. Wheatland,	"	"	500
"	"	town purposes	100
Hickory Point,	"	town purposes 4c. on 100	
"	"	road and bridge,	1,500
"	"	"	1,000
Pleasant View,	"	road 20c. on the 100	
"	"	road and bridge	450
"	"	town purposes	300
Mt. Zion.	"	road and bridge	600
"	"	town purposes	200
"	"	special	2 745.86
		with int. from March 22, 76.	
City of Decatur,	"	City purposes	45,000
"	"	library "	2,700
Town of Niantic,	"	village	250
" S. Macon,	"	village pur. 50c. on 100	
" F. Creek,	"	payment of a portion of the bonds issued to Monticello R.R.Co.	5.500

Supr. Brenneman moved to reconsider the vote just had, by which the different taxes ordered to be extended upon the property of Mt. Zion, which motion to reconsider was carried.

On motion of Supr. Davis that the clerk extend all taxes upon the property of the Town of Mt. Zion, except the special Town tax of $2,745.86, which motion was lost, and the clerk was directed to extend all the taxes asked for by said town of Mt. Zion upon the property of said town for the year 1877.

The committee on Equalization of taxes, made the following report which was adopted.

To the Hon. Board of Suprs. of Macon county: Your committee on Equalization, to whom was referred the equalization of taxes of the town of Maroa, would report that they have conferred with the county attorney, and that he is of the opinion that we have acted in accordance with the law, and we have no further premises in the case.

Hiram Ward,
J. W. Brown,
Wm. Grason,
D. W. Brenneman,
A. Hawkyard,
W. H. Wallace,
J. A. Hoyt.

Election expenses,	$270.30
" "	48 10
	$318.40

Supr. Ward offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved, that the Superintendent of the poor farm have two corn cribs built upon same each forty feet long and eight feet wide, with a drive between, to be built upon brick piers and to be covered.

To the Hon. Board of Suprs. of Macon county: Your committee on Fees and Salaries to whom was referred sundry accounts against the county, having had the same under advisement, beg leave to report that they have examined the following claims, and recommend payment of same.

Whereupon the report of the committee was adopted, and the clerk authorized to issue warrants on the treasurer in payment of the same.

To S. F. Greer, 3rd qr. salary as Co Judge,	$375.00
H. W. Waggoner, for services as clerk attending court, making report &c.	216.10
S. P. Nickey, Supt of Schools 20 days	80.00
M. Forstmeyer, salary and pay of Dep expenses of office &c in full to Sept. 1,	566.35

Supr. Brown offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That the chair appoint a committee of three whose duty it shall be to look after and try and obtain some of the bonds issued to the Decatur and East St. Louis railroad company in order that the county may redeem the same.

The chair appointed Messrs. Brown, Ward, and Hoyt.

To Supervisors for services and mileage,	$213.00

On motion of Supr. Edgar, the Board adjourned until the 1st Monday in December at half past one o'clock, p. m.

H. W. WAGGONER,
Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Wheatland Township S. S. Convention met Sunday evening, Oct. 14th, at Bethlehem Church, W. T Beadles, president, in the chair, Samuel Hopkins, acting as secretary.

The exercises consisted of singing, and speaking upon various Sunday School topics. An interesting and appropriate object lesson was given by Rev. W. L. Bankson.

Many questions were then handed in, which were very ably answered by Mr. A. Allison.

The convention then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing term, which resulted in the election of A. F Hopkins, president; George Conard, vice president; Willis Smith, secretary; James Montgomery, chorister; W. T. Beadles, treasurer.

The church was well filled, and good attention was given throughout the entire evening.

The convention then adjourned.

MUASON

Barr & Bro.—These gentlemen have opened a wholesale and retail oyster and fish depot next door to Ham & Cunningham, where they keep constantly on hand a choice assortment of this excellent sort of food.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride, in this city, on Wednesday, Oct. 17, by Esquire Wood, Mr. William Pierce, of Niantic, and Miss Rebecca Evy, of Decatur.

Sunday evening, Oct. 14, 1877, at the residence of the bride's mother, No. 25 West Wood street, by T. B. Albert. Esq, Mr. Wm. Grabs and Miss Annie Long, both of Decatur.

In Decatur, Ill. Oct 14th, by Rev. J. R. Locke, Mr. Alexander Summers and Mrs. Elmira Dyke, both of South Macon, Illinois.

Acknowledgment. — The Republican acknowledges the receipt of a large box of delicious cake, from the ladies of the W. C. T. U., samples of what was spread upon the tables at the supper given to the Reform Club last night. The ladies have the thanks of this office with an expression of our high appreciation of the noble work in which they are engaged, and of their christian generosity in providing a sumptuous feast for the men who are seeking to rise above a habit which has long held them in cruel bondage to encourage them in their efforts at reformation.

We have tried Dr. Bull's cough syrup in our family, and can assert that it is the best remedy for a cough or cold ever introduced. Price 25 cents.

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Broken Candy 20 cents a pound at Wood's. [Oct. 12-d2w

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OUR NEW DRESS.

To-day the REPUBLICAN is printed on new type. It has, strictly speaking, a bran new dress throughout—as an esteemed cotemporary once said with reference to the costume of a bride. The body and display type, the column and head rules, the dashes, the leads—all are new. Few people are aware of the labor and expense attending such a change, and few, therefore, can appreciate the feelings of the publisher, who looks upon "a new dress" as one of the important eras of his experience. The readers of the REPUBLICAN, however, will not be slow to perceive the change in the appearance of the paper, and if they have the opportunity of seeing many newspapers they will not dispute the assertion that ours has as handsome, and bright and clean a face as any in the country.

The old type which we throw aside to-day, has done duty through a stirring period in our history. It has related the story of famine abroad and pestilence at home. It has recorded from day to day the progress of a political contest which for a time threatened to culminate in armed rebellion. It has blackened the clean white sheet with narratives of crime—of murder, theft, arson, robbery, defalcations, official malfeasance, and the multitude of other sins that seem to flourish best in a period of financial depression. It has served to tell how fortunes have been wiped out of existence by that pitiless thing called "shrinkage of values," and it has spelled out the word "bankrupt" almost as frequently as any other dissyllable in the language. Let us cherish the hope that the types which "take ink" for the first time to-day may be worn out in telling the story of peace and good will, of health and happiness, of prosperity and plenty.

NEW PRESSES.

Besides being printed on new type the REPUBLICAN is printed on a new press, set up only a few weeks ago. This press is one of Potter's Extra Heavy Presses, catalogued as a "2 roller No. 4," and is the most complete and expensive press in Central Illinois. To our job department we have also added a superb new press, called the "Centennial Nonpareil" which has proven itself to be first-class in every respect.

The improvements we have made in our office in the way of presses, type, and other new material, have necessitated an outlay of over $3,000, but we have an abiding faith in the people of Decatur, who have never yet failed to appreciate the efforts we have made, nor to repay us for our investments and labors by bestowing upon us a very liberal share of their patronage. We entertain no fears concerning the result of our latest venture. And right here, and now, is as good a time as any for us to to make our acknowledgments to the people of Decatur and Macon county for the very liberal patronage and flattering encouragement bestowed on us during the past ten years. And these acknowledgements are not due to a single class of people only; we owe them to all, for the proudest satisfaction that we enjoy is that our friends and patrons are not confined to any one political party, to any one church, nor to any one nationality. Some of the very best patrons we have are staunch Democrats, whose political opinions we have combatted as well as we knew how, but who are not foolish enough to carry their politics into their business. It has been our aim to treat everybody fairly and respectfully, and while claiming for ourselves and conceding to others the very widest latitude in matters of opinion, we have tried not to lose sight of the fact that "business is business." We are satisfied that this is the true rule of action, and do not intend to depart from it. In the future we shall endeavor to merit the good will of the people, in no less degree than we have in the past, trusting that our efforts will be appreciated, and that we shall have as much reason to be grateful to the good people of this vicinity in 1887 as we have in this year of grace.

GOV. CULLOM has commissioned Rev. Fred. H Wines, the Secretary of the State Board of Public Charities, to represent Illinois at the World's Prison Congress, to be held at Stockholm, Sweden, next August.

GAMBETTA has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of $400 for placarding his recent address on the election in his arrondissement. The printer of the address has been sentenced to fifteen days imprisonment and to pay a fine of $400.

WHAT IS A NEWSPAPER?

The newspaper era in this country came in with the war. Previous to that time there were a few great leading journals which monopolized the attention of the reading public, and the country press found but little favor. But the war gave a stimulus to the newspaper reading class which has culminated in a demand for better home journals—those which, in addition to their general character in the way of news, should be specially devoted to local interests. This demand has called into being a class of journals entirely different from the country newspaper of twenty years ago, and still not so pretentious as the great metropolitan sheet. Papers of this class have sprung up all over the country, and to-day constitute an important feature of our social and business life. They exist in every town of any size, and are read by hundreds of thousands of people.

It is this class of newspapers to which we have reference in the query which stands at the head of this article. Notwithstanding the multiplicity of newspapers, and the fact that they are to be found in nearly every household in the land, there is a wide diversity of opinion as to what constitutes a newspaper—what elements enter into its composition, and what features properly belong to it. Probably this diversity of opinion is in some degree owing to the fact that what is *news* to one individual is the veriest nonsense to another, and what interests one person may serve to put his neighbor to sleep. It is easy, however, to make allowance for these diverse notions, but it is not so simple a matter to account for the idiosyncracies that take possession of some of the men who make newspapers for a living. A local paper, one would naturally suppose, ought to have an eye single to the interests of the people among whom it circulates. It should.

"Be to their faults a little blind,
And to their virtues *very* kind."

That is, it should not needlessly magnify their faults nor cry down their virtues. It should go out of its way, even, to say a good word for the place and the people that contribute to its support. If the community is derelict in any important matter it should not hesitate to say so, and in terms plain enough to be understood, but the newspaper which constantly upbraids the people of its town, and continually holds them up to the scorn of the world, is as blameworthy as is the man who takes a vicious delight in telling his visitors what a miserable woman he has for a wife. He who habitually scolds his family in the presence of company is looked upon with contempt by all generous-minded people, and the man who spreads abroad the shortcomings of his town through the columns of his newspaper is no higher in the scale of gentility, and is entitled to no more respect than the base-minded wretch to whom we have just compared him. It is a good thing for the newspaper man to remember the old saw, "always praise the bridge that has carried you safe over the stream;" he should always have a good word for the people by whose patronage he lives. And this idea is by no means the offspring of anything like mere sycophancy. It is the practical application, rather, of the golden rule.

The newspaper should not be arrogant. It renders itself open to just criticism and deserved contempt by claiming for itself an influence which it possesses not, and by arrogating to itself the credit for everything good that is done it raises in the public mind grave doubts as to whether it has *any* influence—whether its claims to recognition are not all mere windy assumptions. The power of a well-conducted newspaper cannot be questioned, but that power comes not from frequent boastings. It is the outgrowth, rather, of the continued but quiet effort, whose influence grows imperceptibly because of its unostentatious persistence. Akin to this objectionable exhibition of arrogance, if, indeed, it is not the very essence of the thing itself, is "the editorial WE." There are but few newspaper readers who have not turned in disgust from the column in which the editor slings around so recklessly his "first person plural." A decent knowledge of the proprieties of life should serve to teach almost any man that egotism is not considered an evidence of good sense, and the too frequent "we" in print is as annoying to sensible people as is the too frequent "I" in conversation. It may be humiliating to acknowledge, but it is nevertheless a fact, that there are not many people who give a fig for what "*we* think," or what "*we* believe, or even what "*we* know."

A newspaper is not necessarily obliged to print in its columns everything its editor hears or learns, nor is it in duty bound to make of itself the conduit pipe through which every man in the community may convey his slime. One of the most prevalent ideas is that anyone who may have a revenge to gratify can do so by writing down everything mean he knows about his enemy, and "putting it in the paper,"—always over a fictitious signature. Every man who has had experience in the publication of a newspaper knows how frequent are applications of this nature, and all who have tried it know how speedily the application is withdrawn when the writer is told that it can only be published over his own proper signature. It invariably cures the desire to slander somebody when the slanderer is advised to do so on his own responsibility, instead of hiding behind the editor. The man who seeks to thus stab his adversary, while the editor stands between him and danger, displays a selfishness of spirit that ought never to be gratified, but what shall be said of the newspaper that will permit itself to be made the vehicle for the dissemination of anonymous spite!

It may be said that we are not answering the question with which we started out. A well-known divine once gave this receipe for making good coffee:—Find out how it is made at the average boarding house, and then don't make it that way. If we have not pointed out the elements which constitute a newspaper, we have at least told some of the features which should not characterize it. The subject is almost illimitable in its scope, and will bear further consideration at some future time.

SAYS the New York *Times* speaking of the Ohio election:

Much the larger part of the difference among the Republicans must be attributed to the President's Southern policy. Of all the influences which have contributed to the defeat this is the most potent. The veterans of the Western Reserve feel that the cause they have cherished has been betrayed. Of what avail is the assurance that the President's policy extorts praise from the Democracy? The fact remains that the Southern people do not allow the conciliatory acts of the administration to wean them from their alliance with the Democratic party, and the Democrats, while holding the President as a practical expounder of their views, continue to vote for their own candidate.

DR. WILLIAM KILE, formerly president of the Illinois State Agricultural Society, died last week at his residence in Paris, aged 68 years. Dr. Kile was a man highly respected by all who knew him, and enjoyed a high reputation in the community. At the time of his death he was vice president of the Edgar county National Bank. The cashier of the same bank, Frederick W. Levings, died on Sunday, at the age of 29.

MURAT HALSTEAD, as he crawled out from under that 25,000 democratic majority yesterday morning, was heard to mutter something very much like "d— the dollar of our daddies."

COME in and see our new presses and "other fixins."

HARRY MEIGGS, the millionaire adventurer of the Pacific coast, is dead. He was once one of the money kings of California, but failed, fled to Peru, and became the Tom Scott of that republic. He died of softening of the brain, preceded by two or more strokes of paralysis.

Mr. Evarts' Smart Little Girl.

[Washington Cor. N. Y. Graphic.]

The wit of Secretary Evarts seems to have descended to his children. He said to a friend here: "I have received a letter from one of my little girls, and she writes:

"Dear Papa—Thank you very kindly for the donkey you sent me, but he is so lonely. Won't you soon be home, papa?"

A Fact.—As a matter of preference *manufacturers and importers* seek an outlet for their merchandise through *exclusive* dealers in their line of goods. This accounts for Abel & Locke receiving the choicest patterns of carpets and furnishing articles as soon as they are produced. (Oct. 5—d&w4w

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MY OLDEN HOME.

S[illegible]ing by my window [illegible],
[illegible] on the days of [illegible]
I [illegible] see the ro-es
Blooming by the [illegible] do[illegible]
Almost [illegible] the [illegible]
Wave its long arm to [illegible];
Almost hear the pleasant voices
Of the loved of long ago

Almost see the ships at anchor,
In the waters of the bay;
Almost see the wavelets glisten,
[illegible]
Ah! my eyes are filled with tear drops,
And I wonder as they fall,
Is it truth, or is it fancy—
Do I thus behold them all?

Many years have bloomed and withered
Since, old home, I saw thee last,
Time has brought me many blossoms,
Seldom is my sky o'ercast.
Still to thee my thoughts are turning,
With affection's fondest glow,
And for thee my heart is yearning,
Cherished home of long ago.

JUST A FEW WORDS.

Just a few words, but they blinded
The brightness all out of a day;
Just a few words, but they lifted
The shadows and cast them away.

Only a frown, but it dampen'd
The cheer of a dear little heart;
Only a smile, but its sweetness
Check'd tears that were ready to start.

Oh! that the rule of our living
More like to the golden would be!
Much, oh! so much more of sunshine
Would go out from you and from me.

STANLEY MATTHEWS, in the introduction of his speech at Athens, O., last August, said "There is no tribunal but reason for the solution of the problems of life, and it is the educated reason of mankind which corrects by cancellation the abberations of conflicting and contradictory interests adverse to truth, and which constitutes the philosophy of common sense, that harnesses together in equal speed the original and divine wisdom of individual genius and the acquired wisdom of common experience, and drives the triumphant chariot of human progress, with smoking wheels, to the goal of a perfected social life." This accounts for the disaster of last Tuesday. There never was a party that could carry that sentence through a campaign and come out victorious. The unpretentious people of the Western Reserve thought that Stanley was trying to pull the wool over their eyes with his mysterious language. They couldn't tell whether he was proposing some new-fangled educational system or advocating an appropriation for government wagons. But that sentence fixed things. Stanley might have been advocating some new-fangled axle grease for "smoking wheels," for all any ordinary intellect could tell. That triumphant chariot seems to have stuck on the road.

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2d prize—25 yards Best Ingrain Carpet, at $1.00 per yard.
3rd prize—Best Cloth Cloak, at $20.
4th prize—15 yards Best Black Cashmere, at $1.00 per yard.
5th prize—Best Corset and Kid Gloves we have.

The prizes will be put on exhibition during the month of September, the drawing to take place the first of January next.

The prizes will be distributed under the direction of such persons as will insure justice and satisfaction to all. Every lady who has her name on our register will have one chance.

June 30—d&wtf LINN & SCRUGGS.

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Administrator's Sale.

BY VIRTUE of an order and decree of the County Court of Macon County, Illinois, made on the petition of the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of Laura Emerson, deceased, for leave to sell the real estate of the deceased, at the last December term of said court on to-wit: the 19th day of December, A. D. 1876, I shall on

Saturday, October 27, 1877,

Between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m. of said day, sell at public sale at the west outside door of the Court House, in the City of Decatur, in said county, the interest of said deceased in and to the following described real estate situate, lying and being in said Macon county, to-wit: The northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section twenty-two (22); the west half of the southwest quarter of section fifteen (15); the east half of the southeast quarter of section sixteen (16); and the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section sixteen (16); and the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section seventeen (17), all in township sixteen (16) north, range three (3) east of the third principal meridian, or so much thereof as shall be necessary to pay the debts of said estate, the costs of administration and the proceedings connected with said sale. Sale to be made for one-third cash, one-third in six months and one-third in twelve months from day of sale; deferred payments to bear interest at ten per cent. per annum, and be secured by good personal security and mortgage upon the premises sold.

B. O. McREYNOLDS,
Adm'r of Estate of Laura Emerson, deceased.

CATARRH.

I had it 27 years; I cured myself in 1 wk. Book for 10 cents gives full particulars. DR. C. R. SYKES, 169 E. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

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THE GREAT PARISIAN CHARM.

This great beautifier, that is indispensible to a theatrical star or city belle's toilet in Paris, will now be sold through our agents in New York or Chicago. When the complexion fades, the whole expression is that of advancing age. It is the earliest feature to mark the step of time, and should be the most carefully treated. Therefore the aim of all should be to preserve its bright and youthful appearance, and this has been accomplished by Dr. Earlo[illegible], who is an able chemist, and has long sought the medical kingdom for virtues adapted to the restoration and preservation of the complexion. It adds softness and a pure whiteness, and with constant use for a short time, removes all sallowness, pimples, premature wrinkles, and all blemishes, leaving a pure, white complexion. All parties wishing to try this great charm, will get further particulars by addressing with stamp. Large size packages, $2.50; medium, $1.50; small, $1.00. We send trial packages for 25 cents and stamp, to pay return.

Address D. L. O'LANDAR,
271 West Indiana street, Chicago, Illinois.

BARNES WIRE CHECK ROWER.

We clip the following from the St Louis *Commercial Gazette* in their report of the St Louis fair:

In our last issue we alluded to the BARNES WIRE CHECK ROWER, which is shown in Koenig & Co's. display. This great invention continued to attract much attention from manufacturers, dealers and consumers of improvements in corn planters. One gentleman, an Ohio planter manufacturer, expressed himself as particularly pleased that he had seen this check rower, and remarked that in the knowledge gained by inspection, he had been repaid for his visit, as he had found that this attachment could be used on his planter. This check rower is made by Messrs. Chambers, Behring & Quinlan, of Decatur, Ill., which firm is extensively known throughout the West. The principal points of vantage reside in the use of wire instead of rope, the wire being much more durable; in the fact that no stretching or shrinking is possible as is the case with the rope; that there is no side draft, that it plants perfectly and more in check; that it saves marking off the ground; economizes time, saves the expense of a dropper on the planter; and as before stated, *it will work on any planter as now made.* The wire does not cross the machine—a very valuable and peculiar feature. In their circular the manufacturers say:

The use of the check rower to the farmer has become one of such general utility that to be without one is equal to being without any other farming implement.—As a matter of economy it is indispensable, saving in so many ways in labor, time and money, and also enabling farmers to be at work planting at times when, under the old system, they would have to be idle.

With the use of a check rower a farmer will be prepared to plant in wet weather immediately after the plow, which will make, in the maturing of a crop, many times the cost of a check rower.

The advantage of having the rows straight can only be appreciated by the farmers who know how much easier it is to plow out the weeds between straight rows than crooked.

More corn can be raised on an acre of ground with the use of Barnes Check Rower than by any other plan, on account of being able to plant right after the plow, while the ground is in order.

No expense has been spared to make this invention practically perfect in all its parts. It is so simple and easily managed that any one with ordinary judgment can operate it, and we cordially commend all ordinary producers of corn to an inquiry into the merits of this great aid to the profitable pursuit of that avocation.

Oct. 12 d&w

DOMESTIC LIFE OF THE PRESIDENTS.

Washington was married but had no children. Adams was married, and had one son, whom he lived to see President. Jefferson was a widower; his wife having died twenty years before his election.—They had six children, all daughters, of whom, only two survived infancy. Madison was married, but had no children.—His wife was the most elegant woman that ever adorned the Presidential mansion.—She survived him, and was for many years the pride of Washington society, having lived to listen to Henry Clay's farewell speech in the Senate. Monroe was married and so was John Quincy Adams. Jackson was a widower, and so were Van Buren and Harrison. Tyler was a widower when he entered office, but soon afterward married the heiress, Miss Gardiner, of this city. He was the only president that married during his term of office. Polk was a married man, and his wife survived him a number of years. Gen Taylor was a widower. Pierce was a married man, but Buchanan was a bachelor. The social condition of such men as Lincoln, Johnson and Grant needs no reference, except to add that Grant is the first President who had a daughter married while in office.—*Cincinnati Gazette*

The Coming Tournament.—The grand firemen's review and tournament which is to come off here on the 24th inst., is enlisting a good deal of interest on the part of our home companies. They are putting themselves in order for the contest, and will do some handsome work on that day. The prizes offered are liberal, and the contest for them will be sharp.—Several companies are expected from abroad, and the occasion will create a sort of holiday in town; indeed, it will be almost equal to the state tournament of last year. We hope that our people will make it a point to turn out and witness the display of the day.

ASTONISHING SUCCESS:

It is the duty of every person who has used BOSCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP to let its wonderful qualities be known to their friends in curing Consumption, severe Coughs, Croup, Asthma, Pneumonia, and in fact all throat and lung diseases. No person can use it without immediate relief. Three doses will relieve any case, and we consider it the duty of all druggists to recommend it to the poor dying consumptive, at least to try one bottle, as 40,000 dozen bottles were sold last year, and no one case where it failed was reported. Such a medicine as the GERMAN SYRUP cannot be too widely known. Ask your druggist about it. Sample bottles to try sold at 10 cents. Regular size 75 cts. For sale by A. J. Stoner, B. F. Gue & Son and Theo. Hildebrandt.

Oct. 11—d&wly

MURRAY & LANHAM'S FLORIDA WATER.

The richest, most lasting, yet most delicate of all perfumes for use on the handkerchief, at the toilet and in the bath, delightful and healthful in the sick room, relieves weakness, fatigue, prostration, nervousness and headache. Look out for counterfeits; always ask for the Florida Water prepared by the sole proprietors, Messrs. Lanham & Kemp, New York. For sale by Perfumers, Druggists and Fancy Goods Dealers.

Sept. 21—d&w1m

Blankets and Flannels, bought in large quantities of the manufacturer, and which we will sell very cheap.

Sept. 27—d&wtf LINN & SCRUGGS.

A Large Line of gents' fine shoes just received at BARBER & BAKER'S.

Oct. 10—d&wtf

Canvas, of all the leading styles, and Canvas Patterns, Crochet and Knit Goods, Tapestry Work, and other Fancy Goods,

For the Republican.

DARKNESS.

BY MRS. M. L. CAIN.

I sprang from the womb of primeval gloom
 That shrouded the chaos of earth;
From my bowels of night was born the light
 That gilded the young world's birth.

As the gorgeous day, in arrogant sway,
 Usurps the realms of man,
Enfolded in cloud, like an ebon shroud,
 I rest where I first began.

With the light appears earth's toils and cares,
 Which I still in my slumb'rous breast;
To the soul of grief I bring relief—
 Bid the heart of sorrow rest.

Over scenes of blood where men have stood
 Contending for human life,
I have glided down over field and town
 And silenced the voice of strife.

I summon sweet sleep to those that weep;
 I lighten the mourner's woe;
A curtain I draw where daylight saw
 Mortality suffering so.

I strengthen the brain of Truth's great train
 Who seek in the silent night,
When my midnight shade o'er earth is laid,
 The Truth which flies the light.

To millions who toil for labor's spoil
 Do I bring a sweet repose;
I drive grim death from the pestilent's breath
 And toy with the sleeping rose.

I carry to rest on Eternity's breast
 The sorrow and sin of day;
In a mournful train of travail and pain
 I marshal them all away.

The Goddess of Love smiles down from above,
 For Love in my bosom sleeps;
I hear the song of the amorous throng
 Who Love's sweet vigil keeps.

When the storm of unrest on the fair Earth's breast
 Is lashed like the ocean wild,
I bend from my throne, and looking down,
 Peace comes as a little child.

My hold I keep in the vasty deep—
 The monsters of the sea,
Who with madness bring the wild storm king,
 Are subject unto me.

Yet I sink to rest in the quivering breast
 Of the tiniest flower that blooms;
And the love-birds croon in sweeter tune
 As my denser presence glooms.

I waft the prayer of a mad despair
 To a listening Father's ear,
And treasure its worth as falls to earth
 The recording angel's tear.

When our gracious Lord, 'mid an angry horde,
 Was pierced by the cruel spear,
I sprang to the earth in terrible wrath,
 While guilt grew faint with fear.

I carried Christ's prayer, as it fell on the air,
 Up—up to His Father's Throne,
And shielded the grace of His mother's face
 As she wept at His feet alone.

When the angel of God, with fire and sword,
 Drove the fallen woman forth
From the garden of light, my mantle of night
 Hid the stricken from his wrath.

And when, in despair, from that Paradise fair
 The mother of mankind had fled,
I crept to her side in the wilderness wide
 And wept o'er her penitent head.

When Time disappears in its cycles of years
 And men to eternity move,
I will cover the earth, as I did at its birth,
 With a mantle of pitying love.

DECATUR, ILL., Oct. 7th, 1877.

The Democrats and the President.

[Washington Letter to Philadelphia Star.]

Congressmen are coming in slowly, most of the arrivals so far being Democrats from the South. These gentlemen are in high spirits over the effect of the President's policy South. They no sooner arrive than they go immediately to the White House to congratulate and flatter his Excellency, and to suggest the appointment to office of some good Democrat—I should say, conservative. In asking office of Mr. Hayes there is a harshness about the word Democrat that is almost offensive, so the term Conservative is substituted.

THE correspondent of the Springfield *Republican* at Beirut writes: "You will perhaps be surprised to learn that all the reliable news that we have from the seat of war comes to us through English newspapers received eight or nine days after their publication in London. The telegraph lines are in the hands of Turks, and nothing unfavorable to their cause is allowed to pass out of their office. Such reports as these: "Seventy-five thousand Russians killed and only one Turk." "St. Petersburg taken prisoner, and Siberia and his wife made to serve in the Sultan's kitchen," are actually spread abroad and believed by the ignorant classes."

A Swiss colony of 115 families, in 1873, purchased 10,000 acres of land on Cumberland mountain, Tennessee, at $1 per acre, and now, although only four years have elapsed, each family has a comfortable home. They have a store which supplies them with goods at wholesale prices. They have dairies and cheese factories, whose products find a ready sale at fancy prices, and they have splendid herds of cattle.

GEN. HARLAN, of Kentucky, is to have the vacant position on the Supreme Bench, and General Bristow the English mission. Partners in politics as well as law, a coolness is said, of late, to have sprung up between them, in consequence of their tastes attracting each other toward the same bone. By the present happy arrangement, peace is now restored, and we wait to be informed that the State of Kentucky will be "electrified," and shortly drawn into the bosom of the Republican party.—*Cincinnati Times.*

PENNSYLVANIA must fight her battle alone. She might have had the aid of Ohio's influence, save for the rank folly of those who thought they knew it all; but now she must win or lose on her own merits. The situation there, however, is better, in many important respects, than it was in Ohio. There is no attempt in that State to "rub it in with

STATE TAXES.

The Governor, Treasurer and Auditor yesterday determined the rate of per cent of the equalized value necessary to raise the State revenue to meet the appropriations passed by the last Legislature, and ordered the same certified to the county clerks. The rates are: For general State purposes, 2 7-20 mills on the dollar, or 23½ cents on each $100; school purposes, 1 4-20 mills on the dollar, or 12 cents on the $100, for State military fund 1-20 of a mill on the dollar, or ½ cent on the $100; aggregate, 3 6-10 mills on the dollar, or 36 cents on the $100. The total equalized value of the taxable property of the State upon which the above rate is computed is $231,198,764.

THE New York *Times* hesitates to believe that the President, as reported, prefers a Southern to a Northern Democrat, because he thinks the former more conservative than the latter. The Southern Democrats, remarks the *Times*, like the Northern, "include in their number some conservative and some reckless and reactionary men. Mr. Proctor Knott, the Southerner most talked of in this connection, is not so much a conservative as he is a blatherskite, and his election would be a misfortune and a disgrace. The election depends prima facie on the caucus of the Democratic party, which has never been accused of jealousy of the South, or of keeping alive the issues of the war."

A Deadwood press dispatch says a meeting of the republicans of the Black Hills was held there yesterday, and E. C. Brearly was chosen as a delegate to Washington in the interests of a new territory. That will suit Brearly exactly, provided the Black Hills republicans "whack up" the necessary funds. There is no man in the whole list of versatile Americans who can play the part of the statesman with greater dignity and suavity than Brearly—provided somebody keeps him in money. And he is so happy and contented withal—so genial and princely in his manner, while acting the statesman, that it is a pity to deprive him of the chance to exercise his peculiar talents. If we had a gold mine (a silver mine wouldn't do) we'd be tempted to give Brearly a permanent situation at Washington, London or Paris, footing all his bills for the satisfaction it would be to see him spread himself.

PRESIDENT HAYES is reported as saying that the Ohio election resulted in a democratic victory because of the greenback movement, the hard times, etc. All a mistake, Rutherford. The Republican majority was all frittered away by the sending of so many Ohio men out of the country on foreign missions. It would have paid to take more of them from Iowa, or Maine, or Kansas, or some state where the Republican majority was large enough to spare them without danger.

THAT Democratic victory in Ohio is liable to result in the crowding of another fresh invoice of Buckeye statesmen to the front. Sayler is sailing in for the speakership with a fierceness that will not brook defeat, and if he wins there will be such a rush of Ohio patriots to Washington as will speedily fill all the folding rooms and coal cellars of the capitol, and at the same time depopulate the "great and glorious state of Ohio,"—that is, of Democrats. We are for Sayler; his election to the speakership will take so many Bourbons out of Ohio that the Republicans—already decimated through the partiality of Hayes—will again have some show for success. Hurrah for Sayler!

THE Chicago *Tribune* editorially says "Ohio has simply refused to indorse John Sherman and his resumption policy." A Cleveland correspondent goes still further, and has it that

The fact may as well be admitted that the radical Republicans of this State do not approve the President's Southern policy, and they stayed away from the polls on Tuesday to express their dissent.

THE apartments of the sons of the Prince of Wales on her Majesty's training-ship for cadets, the Britannia, have been fitted up at a cost of nearly $15,000, but the young Prince hadn't been on board 48 hours before the commonest kind of a 25-cent seasick came along and laid them by the heels.

THE Ohio election showed that Democrats will not vote the Republican ticket, even under the blandishments of Cabinet appointments, but it also showed that Republicans will not vote the Democratic ticket, although they might plead high authority to excuse them for it. The Republicans lost everything—except honor—and the Democrats gained everything—except honor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION AT BLUE MOUND.

A convention of Sunday School workers of Blue Mound and Pleasant View townships met at the Bethel M. E. Church on Tuesday, Oct. 11th, according to previous appointment.

In the absence of Hon. J. R. Gorin, president of the County Sunday School convention, Mr. F. A. Brown was called to the chair and A. C. Stevens was chosen secretary.

The exercises were opened by singing after which prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Hight of Macon.

The first topic discussed was the importance of Sunday Schools. The discussion elicited remarks from Rev. Hight, Mr Allinson, Dr. R. Tobey and others.

After singing the convention adjourned for an hour for dinner.

Upon reassembling the topic of Uniform Lessons was discussed with their advantages.

Then came the question, "Is it the duty of all adults to attend the sessions of the Sunday Schools?" which was debated by Mrs. Lucy A. Burke, F. A. Brown and others. Also the best method of teaching the uniform lessons was canvassed.

At the conclusion of this discussion A. C. Stevens, vice president of the Pleasant View Sunday School Association tendered his resignation, and Rev J. W. Warfield was chosen to fill the vacancy.

The temperance cause was then presented by the chairman, Mr. F. A. Brown, in a telling speech.

The following resolution was then almost unanimously passed:

Resolved, By this convention that the temperance people of this township be, and they are hereby, requested to organize a temperance club at Blue Mound immediately.

The convention then adjourned with singing, and the benediction.

F. A. BROWN, Chairman.
A. C. STEVENS, Sec'y.

Reform Club Resolutions.—The following resolutions were passed at the meeting of the Reform Club last week, but were not printed at the time for the reason that the copy was not furnished.

WHEREAS, Through the instrumentality of an all-wise Providence, we have met again in the capacity of a legitimate Reformed Club of citizens and brethren, and, whilst we are congratulating each other and having no malice toward anybody, and charity for all, let us not be unmindful of the instruments through the hands of an all wise Providence that brought about the tidal wave that has swept over our beautiful city, and its forward march will soon reach every village and neighborhood in the county of Macon.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Ladies' Christian Union, whose faith, prayers and untiring labors have put the ball in motion.

Resolved, Secondly, that we congratulate and extend our heartfelt thanks to Sister Buck, whose big heart prompted her to go North and bring to our city Brothers Hoodstitler and Rowell.

Resolved, That we, as a club, extend our heartfelt thanks to Brothers Frank Priest, Allen Scott and others, through whose hearts of generosity and untiring labor we owe the erection of the tabernacle.

Resolved, That the foregoing be published in the city papers, and that a copy be sent to the Ladies' Christian Union, and also to Brothers Priest and Scott.

A Fine Dwelling.—In passing along West William street at the corner of that thoroughfare and Church street, one notices a very imposing and attractive dwelling approaching completion. This fine structure is the property and work of Mr. D. C. Shockley, one of the enterprising master carpenters and contractors of our city. Mr. S. has a fine site for his new house, and is placing on it a building that corresponds well with the place. We are not advised as to the cost of this fine structure, but it will, when done, rank among the most attractive domiciles which now adorn our town. Mr. Shockley may well be congratulated upon having provided for himself so desirable a home.

The Temperance Work at Pana.—We have been shown a letter addressed to Mr. Theodore Coleman of this city, from Mr. R. W. Crampton, Deputy Worthy Chief Templar of the State of Illinois, who is now engaged in the temperance work at Pana. The letter says that the meetings have grown so large that the opera house will not accommodate the people. To use the writer's language, "Old timers and lots of the boys are signing the pledge." The meetings are to close this evening.

Who Answers.—Are any of our people going to take the initiative in the organization of a literary society this fall? An institution of this kind could be made very pleasant and beneficial, if properly managed. The exercises might consist of readings, recitations and debates, with three or four lectures in the course of the season from such popular speakers as might be selected. We presume if some one should take the initiative there would be falling into line of sufficient numbers to make a grand success of it.

Services Tendered.—The colonels of different regiments in the state are tendering the services of their commands to the government to assist in straightening out affairs along the Mexican border. We understand that the colonel of the Fifth, to which the Guards are attached, is among the number. If the boys of this company should be called to go where they would smell powder and hear bullets whistle, they would think it a different kind of an amusement from dress parade at home. We presume, however, that they would "come to the scratch."

THE city of Little Rock, Ark., has been visited by another terrible conflagration, which destroyed the Odd Fellows' block, and many other valuable

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The Weekly Republican.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1877.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

For County Judge,
SAMUEL F. GREER.

For County Clerk,
GEORGE P. HARDY.

For County Treasurer,
GEORGE M. WOOD.

For Superintendent Schools,
JOHN T. MONTGOMERY.

GOLD closed yesterday at 102¾.

THE Boston *Traveler* says Matthews is anxiously inquiring "who frowed dat brick."

EVERY side issue that has been sprung upon the people during the past fifteen years has resulted to the advantage of the Democratic party. Just look back at the long array, and see if this is not true.

THE signs of the times indicate that there will be stern work for the republicans to do during the next few years, if they do not want to give away the ground for which they have fought during twenty long years of political warfare. Let us stand together, and allow no side issues to divide us.

THE republican county ticket is made up of unexceptionable men. There never was a better ticket presented to the people of Macon county, and it will be triumphantly elected, too, if republicans do their duty.

DURING the two years of George M. Wood's official career as county treasurer, the tax list has been less than any other year since the adoption of the present law. There is a good reason for it, too. Have the people ever thought of it?

FROM all parts of the county our republican friends report the prospects favorable for the republican ticket The full vote of the party will be polled for the republican candidates if it is brought to the polls, and between this and election day republicans should be vigilant in getting out the full strength of the party.

HON M. H. CHAMBERLAIN, secretary to the board of railroad and warehouse commissioners, was in town for a couple of hours to-day, and called at the REPUBLICAN office. Mr. Chamberlain will be remembered by many of our people by the eloquent speech he delivered in the court house, during the campaign of last year

THE ticket the Republicans of Macon county have placed before the people is unexceptionable in its character Every man on the ticket is of sterling worth, and we doubt not but that they will be elected by a handsome majority The Democrats, flushed with their recent victory in Ohio, hastily got together last Saturday and nominated a ticket, but they will only divide honors with the Greenback party

ONE of the first questions that will come before the Senate, it is said, will be the case of the Louisiana senators. It is hardly within the bounds of reason to expect that Kellogg will be admitted "The South *must* be conciliated," and nothing short of the absolute obliteration of every vestige of republicanism in that section will have the desired effect. Oh, we're a great people.

MEDILL AND STOREY are seeking to divert attention from their political sinuosities by keeping up a terrible war of words on the subject of grammar. There is something wrong, generally, about the time that these two aged journalistic duffers quit quarreling on politics As the old almanacs have it, "now look out for some kind of weather"

DAN O'HARA one of the best known democratic politicians of Chicago, died on Friday night. Mr. O'Hara had held numerous offices in Chicago, and was immensely popular. He was the candidate for state auditor on the Greeley ticket in 1872. He was a native of Scotland, and was 55 years of age at the time of his death.

"A SOLID SOUTH" will probably control the government and shape its destinies, within the next two years And what does that mean? According to the men who lead the South it means the triumph of the doctrine of states rights and the re-establishment of the idea which led to the war and all its direful consequences There is only one remedy and that is the continued vigilance of the republican party. It has work to do yet.

REPUBLICANS should remember that next fall Illinois will elect a new legislature, and that legislature will elect a United States senator. Recent developments have proven that this is no time to trifle with the democracy, and that we may be better prepared next year to win, it is important that the full strength of the party be polled for our county ticket at the approaching election. A defeat this year might make a great many Republicans indifferent as to the result next year.

WHAT an accomplished set of liars they have among the editors of Kentucky! We find the following in a copy of an obscure sheet published in a one-mule town in that state:

We were shown last Saturday a sweet potato grown by John Clark of this place which measured three feet and four inches in length.

They want immigration in Kentucky, and out of respect for their wishes in that line we forbear giving the name of the locality from which the above emanated. No honest man would emigrate to a country that produces such liars.

ILLINOIS seems to have bad luck all around, politically speaking. Morrison, who wanted to be speaker of the house, found so few supporters that he withdrew from the contest, and now report says that his efforts to defeat Randall are to be punished by taking from him the chairmanship of the ways and means committee, which is promised to Fernando Wood. Goodell, of Chicago, (formerly of Springfield) wanted to be postmaster of the house, but he only mustered 43 votes out of the 152. And the patriots of the republican persuasion in Illinois seem to be equally unfortunate. We cannot think now of a prominent place in the gift of Mr. Hayes which is filled by an Illinoisan. There was a time when things were different, but that was prior to the era of Ohio's prominence.

THE New York *Tribune* is authority for the statement that President Hayes will make another Southern trip. His plan is to occupy his Christmas holidays in travel, and to go as far as New Orleans, visiting Wilmington, Columbia, Charleston, Savannah, Montgomery, Vicksburg, Memphis, and other important points, and devoting two weeks to the journey.

GUILD AND BULKLEY, the State Savings Bank officials, who have been domiciled in Canada for the storm to blow over, returned to Chicago yesterday.

For the Republican.

CREMATION.

Ancient Romans in the days of barbarianism introduced Cremation. In 1874 the subject was agitated in the United States. The first wave in favor of it spent itself. In 1877 another wave is rolling high, only to meet the fate of the first, but not until joint stock companies are organized and Crematoriums are erected in several states. Chicago is to have one. Another monopoly authorized perhaps by law to broil, bake and burn dead bodies of the human family, at a price per head, till reduced to from two to four pounds of ashes. A sanitary nuisance to fill the pockets of the stock company with filthy lucre Suppose the law reads, Be it enacted, &c. That all bodies of deceased persons shall be forwarded to the crematorium and roasted; the ashes to be placed in a glass bottle with ground glass stopper and labeled. The ashes of the rich to be put in their library; the ashes of the poor in their humble home, on a shelf by the side of a four-dollar clock Of course its a monopoly, every man can not have a large brick bake oven built in his door-yard. Let this be done, and I predict that the female portion from great grandmother down to the school miss, led by mother-in-law will rebel and there will be an opening of the sixth seal all over the land. When a bad man dies in Illinois his soul goes straight to Chicago. That is headquarters Now she wants the body—wants soul and body That is characteristic of her. A crematorium will be built in Chicago on the square where the tank is for steaming cholera hogs at 55 cts. per head, and the enterprise pushed with her usual energy till wave No. 2 spends itself—Finally some draw-loop and double-sequestered Yankee will buy out the stock company and convert the crematorium with its brick smoke stack pointing heavenward, into a shot tower. A few men already have directed their executors to cremate their bodies. I do not think that they ever had any female relatives, at least none living at the time of the roasting. I admit that the body is only material, and it is not a matter of much moment in what way it is disposed of. But I wish to be buried as my fathers were. I prefer it, even though the time may come when a city may be built over the remains, or they may be dug up as were the remains of the brave soldiers of Waterloo and other battlefields—ground at the mill and sold to farmers to resuscitate their impoverished land.

PATRIOT.

THE Chicago *Evening Journal*, which has done the best that could be done under the circumstances to hold up the hands of the Administration, has the following:

One thing is becoming continually more evident, and that is, that whatever may be thought of the President's Southern policy of pacification, his new civil service rule, which effectually ties the hands and closes the mouths of those Republicans who happen to hold offices by government appointment, is a blunder.—While its effect is not reformatory upon the civil service, yet it manifestly works weakness to the Republican organization, which the President and his administration can hardly afford to damage, even by a mistake of policy

And the Alton *Telegraph* adds "that the civil service order likewise discourages a host of ambitious men from participating in politics. If, reason these gentlemen, membership in a political club or committee debars us from holding an appointive office under government, the best thing we can do is to let men without political ambition do the work, while we step aside and gather up the spoils. As men without political hopes seldom trouble themselves to maintain working organizations, the result of the President's order is the crippling and demoralization of the working force of the party. No party can exist without efficient organization, and organization cannot, except in rare instances, be thoroughly maintained, if the organizers are debarred from any rewards for the victories they win Besides if an office holder is honest and efficient, it is an invasion of private rights for the government to forbid his active participation in politics as a working member of his party. What consistency is there in practically saying that a man who contributes to the victory of a party is thereby rendered unworthy to hold office under that party?"

THE re-election of Sam. Randall, of Pennsylvania, to the speakership of the house of representatives is significant in more than one respect. It is hardly possible to over estimate the political power of this office or the influence which its incumbent may exert upon the legislation of the country. In one sense he has more than the president, for while the power of the latter is confined to executing the laws, the former may exercise a controlling influence in shaping and framing them. In the appointment of committees, either standing or special, he may promote or strangle any measure according to his pleasure, while the influence he may exercise in his parliamentary rulings gives him almost unlimited power over the action of the house. The democrats have re-elected Randall to this honorable and important position. It is a position that the ablest and best man in the party might be proud to fill, and among the list of candidates there was at least two or three with far higher reputation for ability and honesty than Randall enjoys, but he was nominated in caucus by a large majority and elected without further opposition. The event is indicative of the tone and tendency of the party. Randall is a man of low tone personally, and represents the worst school of politics. A demagogue by nature and education, trained in the slums of Philadelphia, and graduated in all the slippery arts of Washington; selfish, unscrupulous, and a bitter partisan, he comes about as near representing all the worst elements of Democracy as any that could be named. He was an open salary grabber, voting for and drawing his back pay with the shamelessness of a highwayman. He has been connected with nearly every questionable scheme that has been before the house during his service there, and in all matters of doubtful propriety he was reasonably certain to be found working and voting on the wrong side. The friend and ally of claim agents, the boon companion of lobbyists, he has worked his way by these corrupt arts into the front rank of a corrupt party, and is now rewarded with a re-election to the second place in the government. This is democratic reform as represented in the person of Sam Randall, than whom there is not a dirtier demagogue or more unscrupulous politician in public life to-day. It is said that he had the support of all the subsidy rings at Washington, and that he openly pledged them his influence for their support This is in keeping with his character, and it will not be his fault if the ring thieves and treasury cormorants do not drive a prosperous business the coming winter.—*Ind. Journal.*

Exclusiveness in South Carolina.

Columbia Letter to Philadelphia Times.

I know that Governor Hampton has on all occasions endeavored to obliterate sectional distinctions, but he may not always be able to do all he wants—and he has had a perfect hornet's nest about his ears since the part he took in the elevation of Judge Willard to the chief justiceship. But with the exception of Gov. Hampton and a conspicuous few beside, the general sentiment here is that the state belongs to us, and we must have all the offices. How long this feeling is to last God only knows. It is fast compelling northern people here to the conviction that South Carolina is not intended for any but those who had the good fortune to be born here. The people generally are polite, hospitable and agreeable, but one cannot but detect this undercurrent of feeling

THE citizens of Galena gave a banquet yesterday to Hon. E. B. Washburne, who is about to remove his residence to Chicago. Numerous speeches were made, that of Mr. Washburne referring in warm terms to Gen. Grant

COMPLIMENTARY.

What They Say of Our New Clothes.

[Bloomington Leader.]

The Decatur REPUBLICAN gives undeniable evidence of prosperity by putting in two new presses and appearing in a new dress of handsome new type.

[Alton Telegraph.]

The Decatur REPUBLICAN, one of the best papers in the state, has assumed a neat new dress, indicative of prosperity. We are glad to note this evidence that our valued contemporary is appreciated by its host of patrons in Macon and adjoining counties.

[Chicago Evening Journal.]

The Decatur (Ill.) REPUBLICAN, which now issues a daily as well as a weekly, reaches us in a new dress. Messrs. Hamsher & Mosser, the publishers, are enterprising newspaper men, and we are glad to see this and other evidences of their prosperity.

[Springfield Journal.]

The Decatur DAILY REPUBLICAN of Thursday comes to us in an elegant dress of new type throughout, besides being printed on a new Potter press. We congratulate Messrs. Hamsher & Mosser, the publishers, on the deserved reward of their energy and enterprise.

[Bloomington Pantagraph.]

The REPUBLICAN is out in a new dress, and is now printed on a new press, both of which very much improve its appearance.

[Danville News.]

The Decatur REPUBLICAN has put on a bran new dress, out and out. Brethren Hamsher & Mosser, we are glad to see your prosperity, and your paper looking so neat. Go on.

[Chicago Post.]

The Decatur (Ill.) DAILY REPUBLICAN has appeared in a bran new dress, and becomes one of the neatest looking papers in the country. Such an evidence of prosperity—and that prosperity the result of the good will of the people for whom it is published—is deserving of congratulation. Furthermore, the REPUBLICAN has a new press. All in all it has a streak of luck which we hope will continue for years to come, to the profit of its owners and the credit of Decatur.

[Monticello Bulletin.]

The Decatur REPUBLICAN office has lately put in two new presses, and is about to don a new dress for both daily and weekly. The REPUBLICAN is one of the few papers that have made money and prospered in spite of hard times. Messrs. Hamsher & Mosser are live, enterprising gentlemen, careful in their office management, and successful in conducting one of the best Republican papers in Central Illinois. We cannot endorse their political views, and we have had in the past and expect to have in the future, some sharp political "tiffs" with them; but notwithstanding this, we can always meet them, personally, as genial, friendly gentlemen. It is therefore with much pleasure that we note their evidence of prosperity.

[Danville Times.]

Appareled in a new and handsome trousseau, the Decatur REPUBLICAN smiles upon an admiring world and delivers a brevier oration to its constituents and the rest of mankind.

Its new wardrobe is very nice—very; and the REPUBLICAN is a solid, meritorious newspaper. We congratulate Messrs. Hamsher & Mosser upon their prosperity.

[Chicago Inter Ocean.]

THE DAILY REPUBLICAN, a bright little paper published at Decatur, in this state, comes to us in an entire new dress, presenting, both typographically and editorially, an exceedingly creditable appearance.

[Paris Gazette.]

THE DECATUR REPUBLICAN comes out in an entire new dress, printed on a new Potter power press. It is as neat a looking daily as there is in the State, and shows thrift and enterprise of both publishers, and city in which it is published.

SOME time ago we referred to the attempt made to burn the office of the Charleston *Plaindealer*, and now we learn that the stable of the editor of that paper was entered one night last week by some villain, who cut the hamstrings and leaders of a valuable colt, and also ruined a horse and cow in the same manner. A little lamp post justice is needed about Charleston.

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Estate of CHARLES D. LOWRIE, Deceased.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against the estate of Charles D. Lowrie, deceased, to present the same for adjudication and settlement at a regular term of the County Court of Macon County, to be holden at the Court House in the City of Decatur, on the Third Monday of November, A. D. 1877, being the first day of said term. C. E. CONNARD, Adm'r.

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WASHINGTON.

The President's Message.

A Commendably Brief Document.

WASHINGTON, Oct 16.—Fellow citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives The adjournment of the last congress without making appropriations for the support of the army for the present fiscal year has rendered necessary a suspension of payments to the officers and men the sums due them for services rendered after the 30th of June last. The army exists by virtue of statutes which prescribes its numbers, regulates its organization and employment, and which fix the pay of its officers and men and declare their right to receive the same at stated periods. The statutes, however, do not authorize the payment of troops in the absence of specific appropriation therefor. The constitution has wisely provided that no money shall be drawn from the treasury but in consequence of appropriations made by law, and it has also declared by statute that no department of the government shall expend in any one fiscal year any sum in excess of the appropriation made by congress for that fiscal year.

We have, therefore, an army in service authorized by law and entitled to be paid, but no funds available for that purpose. It may also be said as an additional incentive to prompt action by congress, that since the commencement of the fiscal year the army, though without pay, has been constantly and actively employed in arduous and dangerous service, in the performance of which both officers and men have discharged their duties with fidelity and courage, and without complaint. These circumstances, in my judgment, constitute an extraordinary occasion, requiring that congress be convened in advance of the time prescribed by law for your meeting in regular session.

The importance of speedy action upon this subject on the part of congress is so manifest that I venture to suggest the propriety of making the necessary appropriations for the support of the army for the current year at its present maximum numerical strength of 25,000 men, leaving for future consideration all questions relating to an increase or decrease in the number of enlisted men. In the event of a reduction of the army by subsequent legislation during the fiscal year, the excess of appropriation could not be expended, and, in the event of its enlargement, the additional sum required for the payment of the extra force could not be provided in due time. It would be unjust to the troops now in the service, and whose pay is now largely in arrears, if payment to them should be further postponed until after congress shall have considered all the questions likely to arise in the efforts to fix the proper limit to the strength of the army. Estimates of the appropriation for the military establishment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, were transmitted to congress by the former secretary of treasury at the opening of its session last December. These estimates, modified by the present secretary so as to conform to present requirements, are now renewed, amounting to $32,436,764 98, and, having been transmitted to both houses of congress, are submitted for your consideration.

There is also required by the navy department $2,003,361.27 This sum is made up of $1,446,888 16 due to officers and enlisted men for the last quarter of the last fiscal year, $311,953 50 due for advances made by the fiscal agent of the government in London for the support of the foreign service, $50,000 due to the naval hospital fund, $150,000 due for arrearages for pay to officers, and $42 219.58 for the support of the marine corps

There will also be needed another appropriation of $262,535 22 to defray the unsettled expenses of the United States courts for the fiscal year ending June 30 last, now due to attorneys, clerks, commissioners and marshals, and for rent of court-rooms, the support of prisoners and other deficiencies

A part of the building of the Interior Department was destroyed by fire on the 24th of last month Some immediate repairs and temporary structures have, in consequence, become necessary, estimates for which will be transmitted to congress immediately, and an appropriation of the requisite funds is respectfully recommended.

The secretary of the treasury will communicate to congress, in connection with the estimates for the appropriations for the support of the army for the current year estimates for such other deficiencies in the different branches of the public service as require immediate action and can not without inconvenience be postponed until the regular session.

I take this opportunity to invite your attention to the propriety of adopting at your present session the necessary legislation to enable the people of the United States to participate in the advantages of the International Exhibition of agriculture industry and fine arts, which is to be held at Paris in 1878, and in which this government has been invited by the government of France to take part. This invitation was communicated to this Government in 1876 by the Minister of France at this capital, and a copy thereof was submitted to the proper committee of Congress at the last session, but no action was taken upon the subject. The Department of State has received many letters from various parts of the country expressing a desire to participate in the exhibition, and numerous applications of a similar nature have also been made at the United States Legation at Paris.

The Department of State has also received official advices of the strong desire on the part of the French Government that the United States should participate in the enterprise, and space has hitherto been and is still reserved in the exhibition building for the use of exhibitors from the United States, to the exclusion of other parties who have been applicants therefor, in order that our industries may be properly represented at the Exhibition. An appropriation will be needed for the payment of salaries of Commissioners, for the transportation of goods, and for other purposes in connection with the object in view. As May next is the time fixed for the opening of the Exhibition, if our citizens are to share the advantages of this international competition for the trade of other nations, the necessity of immediate action is apparent to enable the United States to co-operate. In the International Exhibition which was held at Vienna, in 1873, Congress then passed a joint resolution making an appropriation of $200,000, and authorizing the President to appoint a certain number of practical artisans and scientific men, who should attend the Exhibition and report their proceedings and observations to him. Provision was also made for the appointment of a number of honorary Commissioners.

I have felt that prompt action by Congress in accepting the invitation of the Government of France is of so much interest to the people of this country and so suitable to the cordial relations between the Governments of the two countries, that the subject might properly be presented for attention at your present session.

The Government of Sweden and Norway has addressed an official invitation to this Government to take part in the International Prison Congress to be held at Stockholm next year. The problem which the Congress propose to study, 'How to Diminish Crime,' is one in which all civilized nations have an interest in common, and the Congress of Stockholm seems likely to prove the most important convention ever held for the study of this grave question. Under a joint resolution of Congress, approved Feb 16, 1875 a Commissioner was appointed by my predecessor to represent the United States upon that occasion and the present Congress, having been, at the earnest request of the Swedish government, postponed to 1878, his commission was renewed by me An appropriation of $8,000 was made in the sundry civil service act of 1875 to meet the expenses of the commissioner. I recommend the reappropriation of that sum for the same purpose, the former appropriation having been covered into the treasury, and being no longer available for the purpose without further action by congress. The subject is brought to your attention at this time, in view of circumstances which render it highly desirable that the commissioner should proceed to the discharge of his important duties immediately

As the several acts of congress providing for detailed reports from the different departments of the government require their submission at the beginning of the regular annual session, I defer until that time any further reference to subjects of public interest.

[Signed] R. B HAYES

Washington, Oct. 15.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Oct. 16.—Gen Harlan's appointment to the Supreme bench vacancy, which was generally expected here at his home, is received with great satisfaction. Hitherto he has been kept back, as it were, by his former partner, Secretary Bristow. The fact that the latter has done nothing for Harlan, and the great distrust manifested towards him when his name was mentioned in the present connection has made Harlan's friends the more earnest in their espousal of his cause Of the two men he is by far the more popular at home Among those who congratulated him to-day was Mr Henry Watterson, they meeting by chance on the street When his nomination shall have been confirmed by the Senate, his friends in Louisville will manifest their feelings over his selection in an appropriate manner.

A LITTLE CHAIR.

Oh! the children, happy children,
Smiling everywhere I go,
Some as brown as autumn berries
Some as fair as winter snow

Some with eyes as blue as morning,
Some with eyes as dark as night,
Some with faces strangely thoughtful,
Some with faces strangely bright

And the while I gayly greet them,
Back my heart returneth where
In my room among my flowers
Stands a baby's little chair

But alas! the laughing darling,
That in precious by-gone days
Sat there, never more will cheer me
With his pretty, naughty ways.

Cunning feet placed on the table—
When his noontide meal was o'er—
Cup of milk poured on the sugar,
Spoon and fork dropped on the floor

Then when "mother's" face grew cloudy,
Little arms around me thrown,
Little hands my cheeks caressing,
Sweet lips pressed upon my own

Oh! the children, happy children—
Yes I meet them everywhere,
But at *home*, amongst my flowers,
Stands a baby's empty chair

OUR esteemed and liberal-minded friend, Rev S. Mac Burney, goes to Stapp's Chapel, Decatur, the coming year. In parting with Mr. Mac Burney we have this to say in his commendation He is a scholar, a gentleman in every sense of the term, thoroughly imbued with broad and lofty principles of Christianity He is a man who commands the respect of scoffers, and that is much more than the congressional parson Newman, or the infidel, Bob Ingersoll, can do. Mr. Mac Burney not only preaches but lives up to the Golden Rule We but echo the words of every non professing business man of Tuscola when we say, 'God bless Brother Mac Burney!' —*Tuscola Review.*

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Administrator's Sale of Real Estate!

BY VIRTUE of an order and decree of the County Court of Macon county, in the State of Illinois, made at the October Term thereof, A. D. 1877, upon the petition of the undersigned, administrators of the estate of Lot Elliott, deceased, against Elizabeth Elliott and others, numbered 719 on the probate docket of said Court, we will, on

Saturday, the 17th day of November, A D. 1877,

between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of said day, sell at public vendue, at the west door of the Court House, in the city of Decatur, in said county, the following described real estate situate in said county, to-wit:

All the interest of said Lot Elliott in the east half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section twenty-four, in township 16 north, range 1 east of the third principal meridian; also one-half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of the said section, township and range, more particularly described as follows: Commencing 20 rods west of the northeast corner of said quarter section, thence 40 rods west, thence 80 rods south, thence 40 rods east, thence 80 rods north to the place of beginning; also the east half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 24 in said township and range, except that part of said last mentioned tract of land which lies north of the Sangamon river.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third cash in hand, one-third in six months, and one-third in twelve months from day of sale; the deferred payments to be secured by approved personal security, and a mortgage on the premises sold, and to bear interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum. No conveyance to be made until the sale has been reported and approved by the court.

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Administrators of the estate of Lot Elliott, deceased Oct. 16-dlt w4w.

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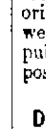

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When common trouble draw you down;
Your face that now is white for woe
With sunny joy may yet be brown.

Be pure in heart, in peace or pain;
Obeo the still small voice that calls;
The star above the steeple-vane
Shines stronger as the darkness falls

Hope, like a diamond in the coal,
Shall shine, however black the night;
Keep well your eyes unto the goal,
And do not fire, but trust and fight

Because the path has led your feet
To places bleak and bare with blight,
Seek not for safety in retreat,
Still forward go, and look for light.

And if in vain you seek a ray
Of sun to break the clouds of sorrow,
Still fight it out—work well to-day,
And do not fear about to-morrow.

MY HEART AND I.

BY NANIE SADLER.

I am thinking to night of a battle
I fought with my heart long ago,
In the morning of life, when the roses
Of hope round my dwelling did grow
And the memory now of the combat
Brings a feeling of terror and dread,
For I conquered, but ere it was ended,
My heart was all lifeless and dead.

Then I buried it down in my bosom,
And watered the grave with my tears;
And I know that an angel guards it,
Through the blinding mists of years
And I thought when I slew my foemen,
That my soul had found release,
But the angel whispered gently,
You must bear, but the end is peace.

So he brought me another contest,
But this time it was not within;
For the foeman I had to battle,
Was a cruel world of sin.
And I know that if forth from his struggle,
I came with a conqueror's tread,
That the strife is forever ended,
And people will reigh instead.

Our father metes out our portion
Of sunshine, and clouds, and rain,
To the weak fall the lighter burdens,
To the strong, the toil and pain.
And I bless him to-night that he gave me
To suffer, to do and bear,
For I know that for him that has conquered
The crown will be brightest there.

AN AUTUMN SONG.

BY E NORMAN GUNNISON.

Now gently falls the fading light,
The Autumn's sunset veil,
While dusky grows the wavering flight
Of whip-poor-will and quail
The grain is bound, the nuts are brown
On every wooded hill;
The light is softened on the down,
And silvered on the rill

The partridge dreams; the plover's call
Salutes the sportsman's ear,
And just above the waterfall
The fisher sets his weir,
The reddened leaves with withered wings
Sweep lightly to the sod,
And Autumn walks the land and sings,
With rustling sandals shod.

—*Scribner for October*

What the Gentle Savage Will Want.

Norristown Herald.

The Indians are capable of rapid civilization. Said old What-You-Call-Him to the Great Father. "We want boxes of money, and cattle with short horns, and mowing machines, plows, saw mills and wagons. I want the Indians here to have $40 apiece, and trunks and overcoats." A year or two hence, when Cardinal Nebulæ and his friends visit their Great Father, their improved civilization will impel their demands to run after this fashion: "We do not ask wigwams We have plenty of them, we want five story brown stone fronts with mansard roofs and bay windows, we want diamond pins and pigeon tail coats, we ask for billiard halls and bowling saloons, we want no more horses that can't trot a mile inside of ten minutes, we have plenty of such. We want trotters that can make their mile in 2 15; we want to be made presidents of savings banks and passenger railway companies, my people are poor, and want ice cream saloons and opera houses. We want free passes on all the railroads and oysters that are not in delicate health. Ugh! sick oysters dam bad My people want baseball clubs to scalp and big meeting houses to sleep in. My Great Father has heard me."

Two countrymen, just in by the Boston and Maine railway, strolled up New Washington street until they arrived at an eating house situated next door to a carpet warehouse. In the window of the latter was a large sign reading:

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The first rustic halted, and hailing his companions, said:

"Jim, here's the place we want; extra suppers"

His more cautious companion, after reading the sign, and also attributing it to an eating-house, replied:

"Hol' on, Bill! look at the price—ninety-five cents a yard! That's some new-fangled way of cheatin' a feller in vittles. I hain't going to pay ninety-five cents for an extra supper measured out by the yard,' and they pursued their course up town, keeping a sharp look out for snares and pitfalls.—*Boston Commercial Bulletin.*

THE New York papers interpret the Ohio election to be the tidal wave of Communism, which will affect the whole country more or less before it subsides. Prof. Swing, in the *Alliance*, attributes it to the disaffection of Republicans toward the Southern and civil service policies of the administration, but tells the President that the verdict of Ohio is not the verdict of the Nation. Mr. Swing thinks this is the time which will try the stuff there is in Mr. Hayes.

PLATO'S CONUNDRUM.

New York Graphic.

"Why," asked Plato of Socrates, as they languidly arose from the symposium and walked up the Appian way, 'why is a lazy dog like a sheet of paper?" Socrates, thoughtfully rubbed his ear and said.. "seems to me I've heard that before somewhere" "Well, old anthropos, guess it. *ille respondit* quickly." Socrates made several futile attempts, turning the pun on the words 'tale," 'write," "canis," etc, when Plato became impatient and told him, 'Because it's a slow pup" "Yes," said Soc.. "I've heard it before, but I don't tumble to it now, some way. How's a sheet of paper a slow pup?" Plato smiled and remarked, "You'd better swap off that old punkin head of yours, a sheet of paper is an ink-lined plane, isn't it!—and an inclined plane is a slope up, perhaps you see!" Then they walked slowly to the Keller, and Socrates remarked in a pensive tone, "Swei!"

A TRAMP'S MAXIMS.

Detroit Free Press.

In the hip pocket of an old vagrant, pulled in by the police the other night, was a memorandum book full of his own writing, with pencil, and some of his philosophy is good enough to be preserved His first paragraph reads:

"Drinking bad whisky because it is offered free is like getting in the way of bullets purchased by an enemy."

A second reads:

"Honesty is the best policy, but some folks are satisfied with second best. It's hard to be honest on an empty stomach."

A third runs:

"A dry plank under a rain proof shed is better than a feather bed in jail, and one is not annoyed by the jailor bringing in a square breakfast."

A fourth says

"Pay as you go. If you haven't anything to pay with, don't go. If you are forced to go, record every indebtedness, and let your heirs settle the bills."

The fifth explains:

"We should have charity for all When the winter winds blow cold and drear, we vags should pity the poor fellows in India, who are having red hot weather."

A sixth is recorded:

"Politeness costs nothing, but it is not expected that you will wake up a man at midnight to ask permission to go through his hen house It is more courteous to let him enjoy the needed repose."

The seventh and last was noted down as follows

"When you pick up an apple core do not find fault because it is not the apple itself but be satisfied with the grade of descent Do not be ashamed of your occupation We cannot all be lords neither can we all be vagrants As I cannot be a lord I should not lament at being a vagrant Be truthful and outspoken Tell 'em you are a Chicago fire sufferer Keep seasonable hours or some other vag will get your plank first. Be hopeful, cheerful and good natured Growling won't cure a sore heel."

FASHION NOTES.

Dolmans are still fashionable, but half-fitting jackets are selected by young ladies.

The latest ornament for bangles is a a tiny gold toy, shaped like a chicken's wishbone.

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Steinkerk cravats, which first came into favor in Europe in 1692, are to be fashionable this fall.

Little Susie, looking at some pictures of winged angels, exclaimed: "Mamma, I don't want to be an angel!" "Why not, dear?" "Humph! leave off my pretty clothes, and wear feathers like a hen!"

He was making a call, and they were talking of literature. "The Pilgrim's Progress," she remarked, 'always seems to me painful. Of course you are familiar with Bunyan?" He said he had one on each foot, and they troubled him a good deal."

Two Irishmen were recently looking at people stretching a rope from one house-top to another for the purpose of suspending a banner 'Sure an what will they be afther a-doin at the top of thim houses there?" Pat asked. 'Faith, an' its a submarine telegraph they're afther puttin' up I suppose, answered Mick.

"How is it," said a woman to her husband, "that you can't come home nights in some kind of season?" "You got me in the way of it," was the gentle retort. "Before we were married, you used so throw your arms around my neck at three o'clock and say, 'don't go, darling, it's early yet: but now if I happen to stay out till twelve o'clock its a terrible affair."

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John A. Brown, Master in Chancery. Felix B. Tait, Notary Public.

Attorneys-at-Law,

Office 22 North Water street, over Fenton's Clothing store, Decatur, Ill. Collections and all legal business promptly attended to. Jul11-d&wly

P. B. SPARKS, M. D.,

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Office over Post Office, Decatur, Ill. All calls promptly responded to in the city or country, day or night. Residence No. 40 West Wood street. [illegible]

DR. A. S. WALTZ,

DENTIST,

Office over Bacher & Co's Shoe Store, East Main street. Residence No. 40 North Main street, Decatur, Illinois. Jun18'73-d6m*

J. STIBBINS KING, M. D.,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,

Formerly Resident Physician St. John's Hotel for Invalids, Cincinnati, Ohio; late of United States Army, Surgeon in Charge of Mississippi State Hospital, and general practitioner, Natchez, Miss. Office in Post Office Block, Entrance Reading Room Stairs, Decatur, Illinois. Residence No. 40 North Main street. Jan17'76-d&wtf

T. S. HOSKINS,

DENTIST,

Offers his professional services to the people of Decatur and vicinity. Work warranted of best quality. Office over [illegible] grocery store, Merchant street, Decatur, Illinois. May28'76-d wtf

HARVEY PASCO,

Attorney at Law,

And Notary Public, Solicitor of Collections, Bankruptcy and War Claims. Office over Bucher's Shoe Store, East Main street, Decatur, Ill. Special attention given to Bankruptcy and general collecting business. Jun1'75-d&wtf

B. I. STERRETT,

Attorney-at-Law,

Office southeast corner of the Old Square, in the office formerly occupied by S. G. Malone, Esq., over W. C. Armstrong's Drug Store. Jun10d&wly

ELDRIDGE & HOSTETLER,
E. R. Eldridge, J. C. Hostetler.

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,

Office over Newell & Hammer's Grocery Store. Jul1'74-tf

A. BROWER BUNN,

Attorney and Counselor-at-Law,

Office in Central Block, over Wingate's Lamp Store, Merchant street. Aug[illegible]

I. A. BUCKINGHAM,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

Office over Hildebrandt's Drug Store, Decatur, Illinois. Apr[illegible]

H. F. CHILDS,

Veterinary Surgeon,

Professional calls made at any hour during the day or night. Office at Hildebrandt's Drug Store. Aug18'77wtf

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Kansas Pacific Railway Lands.

SEMI-MONTHLY EXCURSIONS TO KANSAS AND COLORADO.

Farms on six and seven years' credit. Send your address and receive in return the "Kansas Pacific Homestead." Office over Armstrong's Drug Store, Decatur, Illinois. Jun1d&wtf

Assignee's Notice.

DISTRICT COURT of the United States, Southern District of Illinois.
The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of David M. Garver, of Piatt County, Illinois, who has been adjudged bankrupt on his own petition.
REUBEN H. MERIWEATHER,
Oct11-3w Assignee.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

OLD age is fast creeping upon 1877.

A WAG in the rural districts calls country schoolmasters switch-tenders.

WE may soon expect to hear of church festivals and oyster suppers.

THE vigor of the festive house-fly is somewhat impaired by the chilly nights of the present week.

MR. GEORGE SIMPSON, the barber, is putting an addition to his dwelling, at the end of South Water street, and otherwise improving it.

MR. WM. F NIEDEREITER was to-day awarded the contract for building the German Catholic Church.

TRAMPS are still prowling about and watching for chances to steal. Keep the doors and windows well secured, and thereby save your clothing and jewelry—possibly greenbacks, too.

A COUPLE of countrymen who took on too much "benzine" yesterday afternoon, were the first persons we have seen intoxicated for some days

WEATHER prognostications for the winter are now in order. We shall probably have something in that line unknown to the "oldest inhabitant."

FRED PAHMEYER, at his new stand on the corner of South Main street and the old square, is very cozily fitted up, and lovers of the Indian weed will find in his stock all that they could desire.

"A WICKED and perverse generation seeketh a sign," etc. Major Abel can hardly be called "a wicked and perverse generation," but he sought after a Sine, and found it, too.

THE fruit and confection stand, on the southwest corner of Water and Prairie streets, which was burned out about two weeks ago, is being repaired and put in better condition than before the fire. It is to be re-occupied, we understand, by the same parties, who dispensed sweetmeats there before.

THE boulevards, on East Main street, which flank this thoroughfare as far as it has been graveled, have been sown with grass seed instead of being sodded, and on some of them the blade has already a fine start. The seeding process is of course much cheaper than sodding, and we presume will in time make just as handsome a lawn.

DR. A. C. DOUGLASS, who has purchased the drug store of Gue & Son, intends to remove his stock of drugs and medicines from his old stand, on North Water street, to the popular location named above. The Doctor is not only an accomplished and competent druggist, but a most worthy man as well, and we hope to see him succeed.

GET RID of middle-men who pay the jobber profits that should go to the consumers. This you can only do by purchasing of Linn & Scruggs, who get *all* carpets, oil cloths and mattings directly from the manufacturers and importers. Their stock is larger, their assortment superior, their prices lower, and their sales greater than any other house in Central Illinois. They have no shop-worn, moth-eaten goods on hand, and as it requires but a small per cent to conduct this branch in connection with their already well-established business, they are able and determined to compete with the best houses of the largest cities.
Oct. 11—dtf

SHERIFF FORSTMYER is of the opinion that he will have quite a numerous family by the opening of the December term of court. He has had three additions the present week.

HENRY EBERT has extended his circumference, at his neat little fruit and confectionery stand, on the corner of Water and Prairie streets, and has enlarged his stock accordingly Henry belongs to the old settlers, and he is entitled to a liberal patronage.

WE notice that some of our country people who have wood on their farms are busy buying coal for their winter fuel, claiming that they can buy coal at present prices and haul it home cheaper than they can cut their timber into wood and haul it to their houses

MILLER & HENKLE, at their new quarters in Opera Block, are fixed up in regular metropolitan style, and seem to be doing a thrifty business. People shouldn't use tobacco—we never do—but if folks *will* have it, they should use the best—such as Miller & Henkle sell.

ABOUT ten days before his death Frank Oglesby came to this city much improved in health, having recovered from all the threatening symptoms of disease for which he had been under treatment at Mt. Zion—consumption. He was taken with flux before his return, and the malady proved fatal. Several of his friends and relatives here visited him during his last illness, who will confirm the above statement.

IN passing about town one finds the owners of property busy in fixing up their premises and getting ready for winter, and it is really astonishing to see how many of the people of the city carry on farming on a small scale. Nearly all who have back yards sufficient to convert into gardens, have their cabbage patch, tomatoes, vegetables and other articles. These are being gathered and put into the cellars, or buried in the ground beyond the reach of frost.

AT THE DEPOT.

Observations on Persons and Things.

At nearly all hours of the day and night the Union depot of this city is a busy place As trains now run there are but few hours when carriages and street cars are not waiting upon the cars from one direction or another. Besides the passenger trains, freight cars are constantly moving to and fro about the yard, and passing in different directions. On the platform most of the time are travelers, carpet-sack in hand, waiting to board the trains as they come in, and it is an interesting study for one to watch the movements of people and things at this centre of travel.

Walking southward on the platform lying east of the central track, we come to the baggage room, where Mr. William Dodson, the superintendent of baggage for all the roads, is busy with his subordinates, checking trunks and packages to go upon the next train. Here, also, is the American Express office, with its messengers and delivery clerks, all busy getting their packages ready for shipment.

In close proximity is the train dispatcher's office of the Central Road, where Mr. Gibson is the presiding genius.

In the waiting rooms are found the ticket offices of the Wabash and Central roads, amd of the lines under their control. At the first named, the gentlemanly ticket vender, Mr. Charley Brown, will sell you a pass to any point embraced in the route from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean, and at the other Alderman Nichols will give you anything you want in the line of tickets over his road.

At the proper hours Col. N. A. White, proprietor of the Central House, and his gentlemanly clerks, will be found waiting to conduct the weary traveler, as he alights from the train, to a well-spread table in the dining hall.

Passing out at the north door of the waiting room, and going east, we come to the office of R. L. Perry, the road master of the Wabash, and sometimes one meets this genial gentleman in front of his office, or moving about the platform, though his duties take him from the city quite a portion of the time. Here, also, is the United States Express office, which is a regular bee-hive on the arrival and departure of trains.

Passing a little farther east the office of the I., D. & S. road is reached, where Mr. George E. Lary is in charge as freight and passenger agent, who has a pleasant way of doing his business with the public.

Bidding the last named gentleman good morning, just step across the Central track and pass along the platform in a westerly direction a short distance, and the offices of the Wabash road are reached, where Mr. K. Harwood is the head centre, managing affairs with an ease and efficiency that show him to be the right man in the right place. He has also a very polite and competent corps of clerks, with whom it is a pleasure to be acquainted.

On the other side of the Wabash track and a little to the east, are the freight office and depot of the Wabash, the latter being altogether too small for the immense business done by the road. Here will be found another corps of efficient clerks, but all under the charge and direction of Mr. Harwood.

In the north wing of this same building will be found the freight offices of the Central road, in charge of C. O. Judson, who is also a very genial and competent gentleman, and who has the good fortune to have called around him very pleasant and efficient assistants.

The foregoing is only a mere outline of the situation of affairs at the Union Depot, which may be followed up by a more definite statement of the amount of business done there as time and space may permit.

HOW IT IS DONE.

The first object in life with the American people is to "get rich;" the second, how to regain good health. The first can be obtained by energy, honesty and saving; the second, (good health,) by using GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER. Should you be a despondent sufferer from any of the effects of Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Indigestion, &c., such as Sick Headache, Palpitation of the Heart, Sour Stomach, Habitual Costiveness, Dizziness of the Head, Nervous Prostration, Low Spirits, &c., you need not suffer another day.—Two doses of AUGUST FLOWER will relieve you at once. Sample bottles 10 cts. Regular size 75 cents. Positively sold by all first-class druggists in the U. S., and by A. J. Stoner, B. F. Gue & Son and Theo. Hildebrandt.
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The Latest Styles in Ties, Ruches, Cuffs and Collars, at GOLDBURG'S.
Oct. 11—d&wtf

IT is very depressing to reflect that the croquet balls and mallets must soon be brought into the house for the winter. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved players of both sexes. Especially to the fair sex. On general principles.

EXCHANGES this week contain a good many accounts of the doings of tramps in their respective localities. In some places the villains are very bold in their theiving operations.

BISHOP & STOY want the people to bring them their old stoves and exchange them for new ones or other goods. Second hand stoves and furniture always on hand for sale, and also new.

From Friday's Daily.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

A Surpriser Surprised.

Yesterday was Mrs. Professor Goodman's birthday, and the good lady thought she would celebrate it by perpetrating a pleasant joke upon her leige lord, in the shape of a surprise party and supper to him.

In order to the successful carrying out of the plan, the members of the band, of which Professor Goodman is leader, were let into the secret, and in order to secure his absence from home, he was asked to meet the boys at his hall for practice, which he did. Here they remained until about ten o'clock, when one of the members suggested that they go out to serenade a few families. On leaving the hall the boys led the way to the Professor's house, on West Eldorado st., which, greatly to his astonishment, was brilliantly illuminated throughout. Upon entering there were found present several friends of the family, who had come in to extend their congratulations to Mrs. Goodman, and in the dining-room was found a large table spread with all the dainties and luxuries of the season, which had been prepared by Mrs. Goodman's own hand.

In the course of the evening the tables were turned upon the good lady of the house in a way which placed her in the position of the surprised instead of the surpriser, by the friends present presenting her with a gold-lined silver card receiver, which was received with the modesty and grace for which the lady is noted. An hour or two were spent in social chat, when the party separated with pleasant recollections of the hour. The REPUBLICAN office was remembered with generous samples of cake from the table.

From Friday's Daily.

A Thieving Tramp Captured.—Yesterday afternoon a tramp entered the residence of Mrs. Bradley, (widow of the late Samuel Bradley), in the southeast part of town, under the pretense of having polish and other notions to sell. Mrs. B. was absent at the time, and as there were only a couple of small children in the house, the fellow took to a coat, a pair of boots, and some other articles of clothing. Mrs. Bradley came home just as the thief was leaving the house with his plunder, which caused him to leave a part of it in the shed. Word was carried to the police, who were soon on his track, and captured him before night. He was taken before Justice Peake, where he was held to bail in the sum of $300, in default of which he was committed to the county jail.

A Fine Dwelling.—The fine new residence of Mr. George Haworth, at the corner of Franklin and Eldorado streets, looms up as it approaches completion, and while the house is being finished the grounds are being put in order to correspond with the building; shrubbery is being set, and the walks are to be so arranged as to give the pleasantest possible effect, as viewed from the streets upon which the yard corners. It is always a pleasure to speak of enterprises of this kind, as they beautify the town and help to make it attractive to strangers. We hope that another season may witness the erection of more fine dwellings than have been put up this year.

A Hundred Cents on the Dollar is what we give to all who trade with us, for our goods are worth all we ask for them; and if any customer is ever dissatisfied in any way, we always make it right. So if you want any ready-made clothing for yourself or boys, we would invite you to look at our stock before you purchase, for we can show you the largest and best stock of ready-made clothing ever shown in this city, all new, and of our own make; therefore we are able to sell at lower prices than other dealers.—We are the manufacturers, and both make and sell the best clothing in the whole west. "CHEAP CHARLEY,"
The Popular Clothier of the West,
Cor. E. Main and Water St., Decatur, Ill

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Librarian's Report for August and September.

No. books loaned	4,850
Average No. books loaned per day	96
" " visitors registered in Library and Reading Room	7,261
Average No. visitors registered in Library and Reading Room per day	142
No. registered borrowers to Oct. 1	2,237
Fines, etc.	$6.11

R. L. EVANS, Librarian.

An Oakley Thief.—On Friday a fellow was brought from Oakley on a mittimus from a Justice there, for committal to jail on a charge of having stolen salt from a grocery store in that burg. He is to meditate on his doings until the meeting of the grand jury at the December term of court, when he may probably be settled down for some time, either in the jail or state penitentiary.

The Great Popularity of the "Old Dominion" Buck Gloves and Gauntlets has induced parties, both in Decatur and surrounding towns, to sell inferior gloves under this name. None are genuine unless stamped "Geo. H. Ott" on the inside, and to be had only of
Oct. 2—d&wtf LINN & SCRUGGS.

THE VACUUM STILL AHEAD.

We promised recently a review, somewhat in detail, of the great success of the vacuum treatment in Mt. Zion, during the past seven or eight months. The first case was that of Thomas Higgs, of Long Creek township, aged 66, paralysis, depriving him of the use of his arm—disease of great standing—cured in three months. Next came Jefferson Davis Smith, aged 10 years, paralyzed from infancy—ten weeks of treatment improved his condition materially—it was the opinion of most people who witnessed the improvement in this case, prolonged treatment would effect a cure. Several cases of dropsy were successfully treated, among the number, Mrs. Matilda Johnson of Mt. Zion and Mrs. Kizer of Long Creek township.—Cases of Bronchial diseases and consumption were numerous Those we would here mention were Mrs Nancy Foley, Mrs. Fortrice near Dalton, George Loings residing in the town of Dalton—both of these cases of consumption complicated with hemorrhage of the lungs—John Wining, of Long Creek—disease of years standing, his daughter Elma, chronic affection of the throat, with general prostraction of the nervous system, Mrs. J. A. Ellis of Mt. Zion, a case of consumption given up as hopeless by her attending physician, and afterwards, two well-known physicians of this city held a counsel in her case and pronounced it hopeless. In a few days after this, she was placed under the vacuum treatment. At that time she could hardly sit up—improved rapidly—in less than two weeks could ride out, and recovered from all threatening symptoms in less than three months.

The parties above named live near at hand, and we take pleasure in being able thus to refer to them. When we have more time and space, we shall continue our rehearsal dawlt.

From Saturday's Daily.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.

The unterrified met at the court house this afternoon, having, by severe drumming up, succeeded in filling the delegations from all the townships except Austin and Milam John R. Miller was chosen chairman and F. B. Tait secretary. E. R. Eldridge was nominated for county Judge by acclamation, as was also H. W. Waggoner for County Clerk. W. M. Boyd and Andrew Wilson were put in nomination for County Treasurer, and upon a ballot being taken, Boyd received 34 votes and Wilson, 6. John Trainer and John E. Braden were put in nomination for County Superintendent. The ballot showed 24 votes for Trainer, and 15 for Braden. The convention then adjourned

"IT STILL WAVES"—Among the *solid* and established papers that have lived through the hard times, we are glad to see the old-time and favorite STAR SPANGLED BANNER. This ever popular paper begins its 16th year with 1878, and deserves to be in every home It s is large, 8-page, 40 column paper—every issue actually crowded with charming Stories, Poems, Sketches, Wit, Humor, Fun, Puzzles and Rebuses—fine Illustrated Poems and Stories. It is a national favorite, and should be in every family. In its "Rogue's Corner" every swindler, quack, humbug and fraud is fully exposed. None need ever be swindled if they will but read the BANNER. Try it one year. Only 75 cents a year, or with six fine chromos, or an elegant dictionary, only $1. Trial trip, 3 months, only 10 cents Specimens 6 cents. We advise every reader to try this great family paper three months—only one dime Address STAR SPANGLED BANNER, Hinsdale, N. H

MARRIED.

October 11th, 1877, by Rev. W. L. Bankson, MR LEWIS PURDEN and MISS MAGGIE COX, both of South Whealand township.

At 10 A. M., Thursday, Oct. 11th, at the residence of George P. Hardy, Esq., 64 West Main street, by Rev. W. D. Best, HON THOMAS J. ABEL and MISS SUE H. SINE, both of this city.

The guests present were mainly relatives of the bride and groom, including Rev. and Mrs. Locke.

The bridal presents were numerous, and included several from the children of the groom. Among the most noticeable and highly appreciated was a very handsome boquet, arranged and presented by Mrs. S. Borland.

After partaking of a splendid collation the happy couple left on the noon train for St. Louis, where they will remain a day or two, going from thence to Cincinnati, and returning home the coming week. We desire to tender our hearty congratulations to Major and Mrs. Abel, and wish them a long and happy life.

Located.—We have received a late paper from Cheyenne, in which appears a notice to the effect that our truant confectioner and former gay Lothario, George P. Miller, has located in that city, and opened a restaurant and lodging house. George is "a good one."

A Bargain.—The Odd Fellow's Lodge have about 100 yards of good Second Hand Carpet for sale at a bargain. Full information may be had by calling on J. L. Morgan.

A splendid Howe sewing machine for sale cheap, at Ashby's Opera Block.
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From Saturday's Daily.

TEMPERANCE.

Lecture Last Evening at the Catholic Church by Rev. Father Shandley—A Crowded House—Telling Truths Ably and Forcibly Presented.

Last evening the large Catholic Church on North street was crowded to its full capacity by the many who wished to listen to a lecture on temperance by Rev. Father Shandley. The speaker presented the general subject of intemperance, first viewing it from a moral standpoint, or considering its moral effects upon those who fall victims to the vice, and upon this point the speaker said that intemperance effaced the image of God from the soul of its victim, leaving it debased and brutal. It destroys a man's conscience and blunts all his moral perceptions.—This vice the speaker said stupifies the soul, rendering it almost insensible. As an illustration of this thought, the lecturer spoke of a man to whom he was called, who was near death's door from the effects of strong drink. He found it impossible to arouse the man to a sense of his condition, and as he turned to leave the room the unfortunate man, in his delirium, arose in his bed and glared at him with a fearful stare, and in a moment fell dead, passing to the presence of his God with the guilt of drunkenness upon him Other pertinent illustrations were used to show how strong drink debased man's moral sense, rendering him almost conscienceless.

Intemperance was then spoken of in its social aspects, and it was shown how it ostracises men from good society; and no man, said the speaker, can respect a drunkard. Whatever may be his talents or position, he loses the respect of all who know him. The good may pity him, but they cannot cherish respect for a drunkard.

The drunkard's home was also pictured with its sorrowful inmates, and its dilapidated furniture; and instead of prayer and song, there are bitter curses and angry words.

The influence of a drunkard upon his sons was also spoken of in fitting terms and in a manner which must have impressed any fathers present who are addicted to their cups, with a sense of their fearful responsibility.

The speaker then considered intemperance in its physical effects upon its victim, and showed by numerous illustrations how it debauches and enfeebles the system. This part of the subject was treated in a manner which could not fail to show the drunkard, if he was present, what a wreck he is making of himself.

Father Shandley is an easy, fluent speaker, and held the attention of his large audience throughout. His lecture cannot fail to do good

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Report of attendance in the public schools of Decatur, Illinois, for the four weeks ending Oct. 5th, 1877:

Whole number enrolled	1,611
Average " belonging	1,483
" daily attendance	1,420
" per cent of attendance	.96
Number of tardinesses	182
" neither absent nor tardy	876

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Whole number enrolled	194
Average " belonging	187.5
" daily attendance	185.5
" per cent. of attendance	98.9
Number of tardinesses	12
" neither absent nor tardy	149

The following pupils were tardy. Hester Baldwin 1, Arthur Willis 3, Jas. Smith 1, Elmer Troutman, 1, Berin. Burrows 1, Michael Walsh 1.

E. A GASTMAN, Sup't

NO FAILURE KNOWN.

There is no case on record where Dr. Morris' Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry and Horehound has failed to give satisfaction. On the other hand, wherever it has been used by our people, in severe colds, coughs, asthma, bronchitis, croup, whooping cough and consumption, they are enthusiastic in its praise. Containing no opium or other dangerous drug, it does not constipate, and is safe to administer in all conditions of health. This is an important announcement, and the suffering are advised to heed it. Trial size ten cents; large size 50 cents and one dollar. Sold by Dr. A J. Stoner, Decatur

Also agents for Prof. Parker's Pleasant Worm Syrup, which is sure death to worms, pleasant to take, and requires no physic. Price 25 cents. Try it.
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Temperance at Boiling Springs.—The people of Boiling Springs are getting excited over the temperance question. After numerous speeches they have organized an Alliance, with an able corps of officers, who hope to banish drinking from the neighborhood. Meetings will be held at the church every Tuesday evening.

A LOT of striped mattings, which were used in Dr. Walston's office a short time, for sale cheap, at Ashby's, Opera Block.
d3w1.

Have you been to the Farmers' Store, 37 North Church street, and looked over the stock of Groceries, Queens, Glass, Wood, Willow and Hard Wares that are to be exchanged for beef, pork, butter, lard, eggs, corn, oats, wood and greenbacks. E. B. PRATT.
Oct. 10—d&w3mo

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APPOINTMENTS FOR TEMPERANCE MEETINGS.

The following is a list of appointments for temperance meetings to be holden in different parts of the county within the next ten days, with the names of the gentlemen to speak at each

THURSDAY, OCT 18

Argenta—Elder N S Haynes, Peter Williams and J B McDonald

FRIDAY, OCT 19

Harristown—Rev C C Bruner Theo Nelson, Ed Moore and Mr Paine

Oakley—D P Bunn, J Lichtenberger, John W Hartley and J A Arnold

Oreana—Rev W G Inman J P Winebrenner, B F Goodrich and N L F Monroe

MONDAY, OCT 22

FRIDAY OCT 26

Niantic—Elder N S Haynes, J B McDonald, W H Kelley

Sangamon—Rev D P Bunn, L Lunn, F P Lewis J Lichtenberger, J D Turner

Forsyth—Dr Ingall, W H Kelley and J B McDonald

Casner Station—Elder N S Haynes, B F Goodrich and L N Brockway

TUESDAY, OCT 23

Boody—F W Niedermyer S W Hamsher J M Lowry and J Hall

Mt Zion—Rev W B Allen, Edward Moore and J B Winebrenner

Warrensburg—Rev W G Inman J A Arnold Theo Nelson and John Brayton

Wheatland—Rev C C Bruner, N L F Monroe, A A Corneau, George Lyon

Campbell School House, Austin—Elder J W Tyler and B F Goodrich

Macon—Rev W H Prestley J Brayton J B McDonald and J A Arnold

North Fork Church, Long Creek—Rev W G Inman D L Bunn, Peter Williams and J Lichtenberger

Kleptomania—At the time of the rail road wreck which occurred just east of town near Sangamon station, about two weeks ago, the officials of the railway company here became satisfied that more or less merchandise in transit, was taken from the cars involved in the wreck, and by close watching they became satisfied that some of the missing goods were in houses not far from the scene of the wreck Acting upon this conviction, yesterday Mr K Harwood, the company's agent at this place, swore out a night search warrant before Justices Peake and Palmer which he gave it into the hands of Officer Weitzel Then taking an engine and car, he and some of his subordinates in company with the officer named, ran out to the neighborhood of the wreck, and made a descent upon the dwelling of Henry R Miller Upon making known their business Mr Miller frankly told the party that he had goods in his possession which he had taken from the wreck, and brought forward several coats, vests and pairs of pants, and turned them over to the officer, who at once took possession of the goods and also Mr Miller and brought them to town, committing the latter to jail Several other houses in the neighborhood were searched but no other house was found to contain any of the missing property Miller was brought before Justice Peake this afternoon, and, waiving an examination, was held to bail in $400 in default of which he was recommitted

More Jail Recruits—On Thursday of last week Charles Williams was admonished by the cool nights that he would stand in need of an overcoat soon, and not having the stamps to buy, he looked around for an opportunity to get one free gratis The chance offered in Mr Daniel Whitsel's meat market and Charley improved it appropriating the outer garment of the proprietor of the place The police was soon on the lookout for him and on Saturday overhauled the young man with the coat in his possession

This led to his arraignment before Justice Albert where he was held to bail in the sum of three hundred dollars, and in default of this trifling sum Charley went over to board with Sheriff Forstmyer until the December term of court when he will probably be promoted to a state institution

Another chap who sought to replenish his wardrobe in a manner not provided for by law was John Anderson (not my Jo John) This gay and festive chap took a valise from a Mr Ballard a fellow boarder at the residence of Mrs Frost—He also was found with the missing goods in his possession which fact Justice Albert said was *prima facie* evidence that that he laid his hands on them unlawfully He was also required to give bail in the sum of three hundred dollars for his appearance at the December term of court failing in which he went down to swell the already large family of Sheriff Forstmyer

SHUTTING OUT THE ENEMY.

It is better to shut out the enemy Disease than to battle with him after he has entered the fortress of the body—Therefore if health is endangered by hurtful influences such as a malarious atmosphere unhealthy occupations, sedentary pursuits and those which necessitate undue physical or mental strain or exposure in rough weather it is the part of wisdom to protect it by the use of a reliable preventive No article sold advertised or prescribed is so well adapted for this purpose as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters an agreeable and efficacious tonic recommended by physicians as a medicinal stimulant and corrective botanic in its derivation and having for its spirituous basis old rye of the purest quality which preserves in an undeteriorating form the potent vegetable juices and extracts combined with it Fortified with this benign preventive the system may bid defiance to disease no matter how unfavorable the conditions
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Canvas, of all the leading styles and Canvas Patterns Crochet and Knit Goods Tapestry Work and other Fancy Goods at Goldburg's [Oct 11–d&wtf

From Tuesday's Daily.

THE TEMPERANCE CAMPAIGN IN THE COUNTRY.

Meetings Last Night at Sundry Points —Over Four Hundred Sign the Pledge.

The temperance campaign is being carried on with vigor throughout the county, and with marked success Some four or five meetings were held last night at different points which were addressed by gentlemen who went out from this city

AT BLUE MOUND

Rev Mr Inman John W Hartley, J B Winebrenner and N L F Monroe addressed a large gathering A protracted meeting was in progress in the Christian Church, but the pastor cheerfully gave up his meeting for the evening and turned the church over to the apostles of temperance The address by Mr Inman is spoken of as being a very able one and he was followed by the gentlemen named above in well timed remarks

After the speaking sixty eight persons signed the pledge

AT MAROA

a large meeting was addressed by Rev W H Prestley, Franklin Priest and Theodore Nelson Though the notice was comparatively brief, the people turned out in large numbers Rev Mr Prestley made the principal address, which was clear and forcible, carrying conviction to the minds of those who heard him—Messrs Priest and Nelson followed with appropriate appeals to the audience to enlist under the temperance banner, in response to which over one hundred persons gave in their names

AT MACON

A large and enthusiastic meeting was also held at Macon, which was addressed by Dr Ingall of this city, J B McDonald, president of the Reform Club, and Peter Williams, each of whom acquitted himself in a manner which convinced those present that temperance was right, as was shown by over one hundred and fifty persons signing the pledge

AT WARRENSBURG

was another highly successful meeting, the church being crowded to its full capacity The speakers were John Brayton, John A Arnold and Ed B Moore, each of whom spoke from personal experience of the evils of drinking That their speeches were convincing and effective was shown by the fact that ninety-two signed the pledge, and the people were enthusiastic for another meeting

LONG CREEK

A meeting was also held at the Long Creek M E Church, which was fully attended The principal speaker of the evening was Rev C C Bruner, of this city, who made an earnest talk, which was highly acceptable to the people Mr Wm Martin of Wheatland, was also along, and offered some very sensible suggestions, which were interspersed with scraps of his personal experience

A deep interest pervaded the meeting and after the speaking 71 signed the pledge

AT NIANTIC

Elder Tyler accompanied by B F Goodrich and Charles Holiday went to Niantic to attend a meeting there Elder Tyler was the principal speaker, though Messrs Goodrich and Holiday made interesting remarks There was a large attendance, the Christian Church being about full After the speaking 58 persons signed the pledge, making 352 who signed the pledge last night at the several points where meetings were held

From Tuesday's Daily

Gave Himself Up.—The man Munson who lives near Sangamon Station and who on Saturday last took from the hitching rack near the old Revere house site a horse belonging to Mr A J Dresback an account of which was given in our issue of yesterday, this morning came to town and gave himself up to the officers As stated yesterday, a warrant had been issued for his arrest, which was not served on account of his keeping out of sight He was recognized in the sum of $500 to appear for examination in ten days

He claims that he was so drunk when he took the horse that he did not know what he was about, and that on arriving home he tied the reins of the bridle so that they could not get over the animal's head, and that he then headed him toward home and turned him loose, and that the horse in browsing around among the brush got the bridle fast to something which held him to the place where he was found.

A PARDONABLE PRIDE

Prompts most people to delay by any laudable means that science affords, the evidences of physical decay Who that is in perfect health would not match the the bright eye, the active mind, and other appearances of youthful vigor, with the luxuriance the rich color, and beauty of youthful hair? Parker's Hair Balsam stands pre eminent as an elegant hair dressing, and by its healthful action on the roots not only promotes a luxuriant growth of the young hair but unfailingly restores gray or faded hair to the original youthful color, giving a soft, rich and lustrous appearance of great beauty No other preparation so effectually removes Dandruff or stops falling of the hair its cooling and healing action entirely curing itching and humors of the scalp, and keeping the skin clean white and healthy It is perfectly harmless, exquisitely perfumed and contains nothing that will soil the skin or gum the hair It is not a dye and is unequalled for excellence and purity Buy a bottle from your druggist, W C Armstrong corner Old Square and East Main st, Decatur, Ill, and tests its merits

The Latest Styles in Ties, Ruches, Cuffs and Collars at GOLDBURG'S
Oct 11—d&wtf

Mme. Demorest's Fall and Winter Patterns just received at Linn & Scruggs' Call for Catalogue (Sept 7—d&wtf

From Wednesday's Daily.

TEMPERANCE MEETING AT MAROA.

A large and enthusiastic meeting in the interest of temperance was held at Maroa last night in the Presbyterian church, which was crowded to its full capacity, a number of persons being obliged to stand up in the rear part of the room The meeting was presided over by J H Crocker Esq The exercises were opened by singing and prayer, after which the president called upon Prof Prentiss of the Normal University, to address the meeting, which he did in an able manner for something more than thirty minutes The speaker said that he would not detain the congregation by detailing the evils of intemperance as all present must be aware that they were alarming He spoke of the traffic in strong drink as being a great crime, and for a proper description of the business, and of the character of those engaged in it, he referred his hearers to the tenth Psalm, asking them to read it through carefully having done which they could not fail to get some idea of the enormity of the evil both as to the sale and use of intoxicating drinks Having thus glanced briefly at the evil, he proposed to inquire for a remedy Some he said, were for legal suasion and some for moral suasion, both of which were good, but he thought the only sure remedy was for each particular town and city to take the matter in hand and work up public sentiment to a pitch where the people would vote not to license the sale—thus taking the matter out of the hands of city dads Here the speaker enlarged upon the inconsistency of licensing men to do what everybody knew was wrong and thereby protecting them in wrong doing He was in favor of good temperance laws, and of their faithful execution In order to have good temperance laws made and put in force when they are on the statute book, the speaker said that every party should put forward for office men of known temperance principles The ideas above suggested were dwelt upon in a forcible manner and the address was one which was well calculated to convince thoughtful and reasonable persons of the justness of the views which it embodied

During the course of this address Rev. Mr Bruner, of this city, entered the house, and was soon followed by Messrs Arnold and Sweet, of the Decatur Reform Club, and at its conclusion the first named gentleman was invited to speak, in response to which invitation he made an earnest appeal to the audience to arouse themselves to the temperance work He also spoke of the great work which had been accomplished in Decatur

At the conclusion of Mr Bruner's remarks Rev F N Ewing, of this city, was called upon by the president for an address This gentleman commenced by referring to a most dastardly murder of a woman and her two children, which was committed not long since by the Indians near Denver, where the speaker had spent a part of the present season The mangled bodies of this woman and her children were taken to the mines and shown to the miners who were so horrified by the sight that they all, with one voice, said, let us hunt the savages to the death, and rallying to the attack they charged upon the camp and left not one alive So, said the speaker the victims of the liquor traffic lie bleeding and wounded and mangled by the wayside, and the sight should stimulate every lover of his race to rally and charge upon the destructive business until the last vestige of it is swept from the land

The speaker related several amusing incidents which had fallen under his observation in the vicinity of his Kentucky home and made an application of them to the subject in hand, which was most ingenious and forcible He referred to the habits of the people there as to having the bottle at barn raisings and huskings and how his father had led the way in abandoning the custom Mr Ewing's address was listened to with the deepest attention and evidently left its impress upon the minds of his hearers

After this gentleman took his seat Mr Arnold, of the Decatur Reform Club made a few remarks as to his former habits of drinking and closed by saying to the audience that if they wanted any help, to call on the Reform Club of Decatur and they could have anything they wanted

Hold the Fort was then sung and during the progress of the singing a goodly number came forward and signed the pledge It is evident that the people of Maroa are waking up to the subject of temperance and the indications are that there will be a sweeping temperance work in that town

From Wednesday's Daily

Temperance Meeting at Long Creek.—Last evening another rousing meeting was held at the Long Creek M E Church, which was addressed by D L Bunn and Mr Will Hubbard The church was densely packed and the utmost enthusiasm prevailed We had no reporter present and cannot therefore give a synopsis of the speeches but we learn from those present that Mr Bunn's speech was full of pith and power and that Will made a fine talk for a beginner After the speaking one hundred and ten signed the pledge

Married—The following marriage notice which we clip from the Nevada (Mo) *Democrat*, of October 9th will be read with interest by the friends of the bride who resided in Decatur many years

COLLIER—GRIFFITH Married at the residence of Dr E R Morrod in this city on Thursday Oct 4th 1877, by Rev A H Hemline Mr Jonathan Collier to Miss Esther Griffith All of this county No cards

A splendid Howe sewing machine for sale cheap at Ahsby's, Opera Block
d3w1

APPLES AND APPLE TREES.

A Macon County Orchard.

The autumn of 1877 has been a most peculiar one. The weather has been unusually mild, and the absence of frost has served to keep the trees and fields looking as fresh and green as in June We were permitted to look upon a sight a few days ago, in this vicinity that would have been charming any year, but the peculiarity of the season alluded to above added to the scene a beauty which made it superlatively splendid Hon Reuben H Merriweather has on his farm in Long Creek township, three miles east of Decatur, an orchard of 800 apple trees All of them were planted by himself and are the choicest varieties When we visited the orchard most of the fruit had been gathered and sent to market, but one variety had not been disturbed—the Ben Davis—and the forty or fifty trees of this splendid winter fruit were literally loaded down with large, handsome globes of red The foliage of the trees still preserved its dark green color and the contrast presented was perfectly lovely Many of the trees, though still young, will yield from eight to ten bushels each and the apples are as perfect as any ever grown in Macon county The manner of pruning pursued in this great orchard is to "head" the trees low down and when they are covered with fruit the effect to the eye is wonderful, the limbs hanging clear to the ground and displaying a solid mass of their rich and beautiful product from the topmost branch to green sward below The convenience of this plan in the matter of gathering the fruit, will be readily perceived

Major Merriweather's farm is one of the most sightly places in the neighborhood of Decatur, and shows what splendid places can be made on our rolling timber lands—those lands which have so long been considered almost valueless for agricultural purposes Indeed, it is doubtful whether the prairie farms will be able to compete, ten years hence with the more undulating timber localities, except in the one item of corn growing For wheat, grass, fruit and dairy purposes the timber farms will be the most valuable

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining in the Post Office at Decatur Oct 17 1877

Adams Milton	Lawson Wm
Bell Betty E	Morford Mrs C P
Badue Frank	May Wm (S)
Baley Flora	McManus E
Baker Wm	McDaniel Henry W
Burcham Jackson G	Outen Robert
Brady Melvin	Phillips George M
Cox Mrs E H	Permento F J
Campton Wm P	Reese Mrs Anna
Dean Celia	Russell Albert A
Deardoff Isaac	Sipes G W
Davis Jake	Steckler Miss Josie
Fox Herman	Turner C H
Jones Amanda	Uhl William
Kizer J G	Venduse Jennie
Lord Emma	Wilson J F

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Sewing Machine Needles, of all kinds at J S HAND & Co's, Next door to Post Office
June 9 wtf

Hamsher Wagons.—These most excellent farm wagons not only maintain their high reputation for superior workmanship and durability but have made a steady advance in popular favor Those wishing wagons will do well to call at this factory and see the specimens now on hand or leave their orders to have one built

A LOT of striped mattings, which were used in Dr Walston's office a short time for sale cheap, at Ashby's Opera Block
ddtw1

STOVES.

COAL AND WOOD

COOKING STOVES,

The Best that can be made

AT REDUCED PRICES.

RANGES,

For Coal and Wood.

ARGALIA — The most beautiful Soft Coal Base Burner and Self-Feeder in the World.

ROSALIA — Hard Coal Base Burner. The best working Stove ever offered for sale. Call and look at it.

Twenty other styles and sizes of Heating Stoves for any fuel.

All the above, or any other goods in my very large assortment, are offered at prices that will be an inducement to purchasers to select from the stock of

R. LIDDLE,

1 & 2 Court House Block.

Oct 11, 1877—dwtf

'CHEAP CHARLEY'

ON THE WAR-PATH.

Friend Schneider, you are dressed so gay
It takes me by surprise;
You always like to put on style,
But it never looked so nice.

Just look here at this coat's lapel,
How careful it is pressed,
And then that real artistic work
On this, your elegant vest.

Friend Schneider, all this fits you well
As though they were made to order;
I suppose you did not buy them here—
Bought them beyond our border?

Then I confess, for many years
Myself and all my boys,
Among the many suits we bought
Found nothing near as choice.

Big prices, too, I had to pay,
The biggest ones that ruled;
Yet when we came to wear the stuff,
We discovered we were fooled.

Friend Schneider, please to tell me quick,
Who makes this goods so nicely,
And if it is not too far from here
I will buy the same precisely.

"Friend Jones," said Schneider in reply,
Big prices are at an end;
Just patronize "Cheap Charley" here.
He is really "The Poor Man's Friend."

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COR. EAST MAIN AND WATER STS.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

RESUMPTION PRICES.

MAMMOTH STOCK OF

BOOTS AND SHOES

FOR THE FALL AND WINTER, NOW READY AT

L. L. FERRISS' SHOE STORE!

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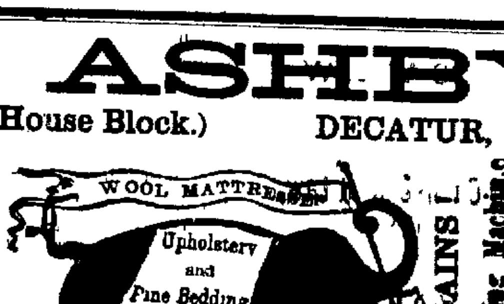
R. ASHBY,

(Opera House Block.) DECATUR, ILL.

SECOND HAND **STOVES.** Sign of the Elephant.



BARGAINS Howe Sewing Machine, Two Large Soap Kettles and Two Large Desks

—A Complete Stock of—

FINE FURNITURE!

Any of which will be exchanged for SECOND-HAND GOODS. Prices as low as the lowest.

Oct. 18—d6m w6m

JACKSON'S BEST

Sweet Navy Chewing Tobacco

was awarded HIGHEST PRIZE at Centennial Exposition for fine chewing qualities and excellence and lasting character of sweetening and flavoring If you want the best tobacco ever made, ask your grocer for this, and see that each plug bears our blue strip trade-mark, with words Jackson's Best on it Sold at wholesale by all jobbers Send for sample to C A JACKSON & CO, M'f'rs, Petersburg, Va

An Immense Stock of gents' underwear, from 50 cents a set up to the finest grades, at B STINE'S
Oct 5—d4w

LINDSEY'S BLOOD SEARCHER

Is the greatest Blood remedy of the age. Tetter, Scrofula, Ulcers, Boils, Pimples and all Blood diseases yield to its wonderful powers. Pure Blood is the guarantee of health. Read: It cured my son of Scrofula.—J F Brooks, Painesville, O. It cured my child of Erysipelas.—Mrs E Smeltzer, Larimers, Pa. Price $1. R. E. Sellers & Co., Props., Pittsburgh, Pa. The genuine has our name on bottom of wrapper.

Lost, on the morning of Wednesday between Imboden's Meat Market and my residence, on Decatur street, a well worn calf skin pocketbook, containing two one dollar and one two dollar bills The finder will please return the same to me
ALF BAILEY

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